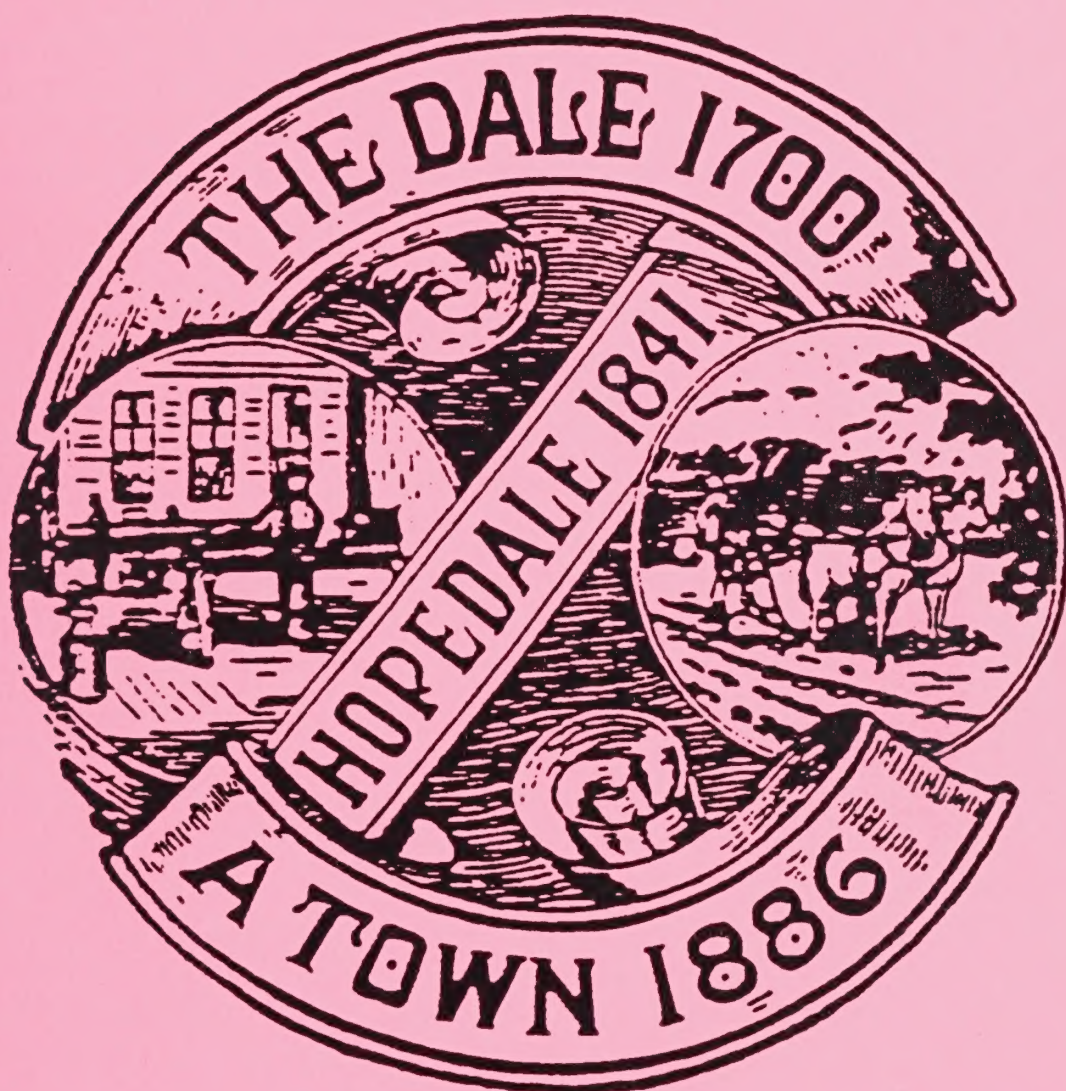


ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPEDALE



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GENERAL INTEREST INFORMATION

Town of Hopedale - Incorporated April 7, 1886

POPULATION (6/30/06):	5926
REGISTERED VOTERS:	3581
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Third Tuesday in May
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:	Second Tuesday in May
AREA:	5.12 square miles



Editor's Notes:

Thank you to the officials who submitted reports for this edition.

The Town website that can be viewed at

www.hopedale-ma.gov

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GENERAL OFFICE:

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78 Hopedale Street	634-2204
P.O. Box 7	634-2205
Board of Selectmen	ext. 210
Town Coordinator	ext. 213
Town Accountant	ext. 219
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector	ext. 218
Water/Sewer Department	ext. 217
Board of Assessors	ext. 224
Town Clerk	ext. 215

Highway Department	634-2203
7 Depot Street	ext. 221

Council on Aging	634-2208
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Bancroft Library	634-2209
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Police Department	634-2227
Police Emergency	911

Fire Department	473-1050
Fire/Medical Emergency	911

Waste Water Treatment Plant	634-2210
154 Mendon Street	

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Memorial School – 54 Adin Street	634-2214
Junior/Senior High School – 25 Adin Street	
Superintendent's Office	634-2220
Principal's Office	634-2217
Guidance Office	634-2221
Pupil Personnel Services	634-2240

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Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts

Elected Officials

2006-2007

Term Expires

Blackstone Valley School Committee	Robert Metcalf	2006
Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2007
Board of Health	Elizabeth Sales	2007
	Robert Moro	2008
	Peter B. Mitchell	2009
Housing Authority	Edith Francis	2007
	Ellen M. Murphy	2008
	Paula Malloy	2009
	Karen Villani	2010
	Louis J. Trevani	2011
Library Trustee	Frederick Oldfield III	2007
	Nancy Verdolino	2008
	Katherine M. Wright	2009
Moderator	Francis J. Larkin	2009
Park Commission	Richard Espanet	2007
	Susan Kinkaid	2008
	Richard Breese	2009
Planning Board	D. Craig Travers	2007
	Donna Hayres	2008
	Carol Whyte	2009
	Howard Maurer	2010
	Catherine Pisacane	2011
Road Commission	Joseph C. Sweet	2007
	John Farrar, Jr.	2008
	Eli J. Potty	2009
School Committee	Richard Martin	2007
	Justine Tonelli	2007
	Susan Palmer-Howes	2008
	Elizabeth S. Lerner	2009
	Lori L. Hampsch	2009
Selectman	Alan Ryan	2007
	Louis Arcudi III	2008
	Michael E. Collins	2009
Tree Warden	Leo Lyons	2008
Water & Sewer Commission	Robert Bird	2007
	James Morin	2008
	Aldo P. Tarca	2009

ADA Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	2006
Animal Inspector	Leon Mael	2006
Bancroft Memorial Library Director	Merrily Sparling	Contract
Board of Assessors	Lisa Alberto*	2006
	Kenneth Andre	2007
	Teresa Gonsalves	2008
Board of Registrars	Dorothy Milanoski*	2006
	Joseph Drugan	2007
	Robert Hammond	2008
Board of Registrars, Clerk	Janet Orff Jacaruso	2007
Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Tusino	2006
Asst. Building Comm. & Zoning Enforcement Officer	Michael Giampietro	2006
Capital Program Committee	Karla Hopkins	2006
	Colleen Strapponi	2006
Cemetery Committee	Roberta Simmons	2006
Cent. Mass. Reg. Planning	Howard Maurer	2007
Commission on Disabilities	Peter S. Ellis, Jr. David Sawyer Margaret Flynn	
Conservation Commission	Meg McElroy*	2006
	Frank Caccavale	2007
	Ann Marie Romano	2007
	Patrick Burke	2008
	vacant	2008
Constables	Joseph Conlon	2007
	John Gagnon	2007
	Donald Martin	2007
	Francis McVeigh	2007
	Peter Saker	2007
Council on Aging	Claudette Hughes	2006
	Nancilee Fuller	2007

Appointed Officials FY2006

* Chairperson

	Edward Holland	2007
	Patricia Johnson	2007
Council on Aging Director	Carole Mullen	Employee
Cultural Council	Billi Manning*	2007
	Sally Decelles	2007
	Ann LaBrode	2007
	Virginia Larkin	2007
	Ann Marie Lockwood	2007
	Dorothy Susanska	2007
	Joanne Andreotti	2008
	Ellen Murphy	2009
	Kate Nolan-Pisacane	2009
Dog Officer	Michael Izzo	2006
Finance Committee	Mary Ann Roche	2006
	Joseph Sweet	2006
	Karla Hopkins	2007
	James Carroll*	2008
	Donald Comastra	2008
	Colleen Strapponi	2008
Fire Chief, Local Emergency Mgt & Right to Know Officer	Scott Garland	2006
Gas & Plumbing Inspector	John Fontana	2006
Asst. Gas & Plumbing Insp.	Joseph Zacchilli	2006
Health Agent	Lenny Izzo	Employee
Highway Superintendent	Robert DePonte	Employee
Historical Commission	Robert Hammond	2006
	Alan Ryan	2006
	Daniel L. Malloy	2007
	Frederick Oldfield III	2007
	Merrily Sparling*	2007
	Elaine Malloy	2008
	Theresa Ryan	2008
Housing Authority Director	Katherine Consigli	Contract
Parking Fines Clerk	Donna Lamphere	2006
Personnel Committee	Albert C. Gray	
	Dennis J. Madigan	
	Meg McElroy	
	John S. Moore	

	Harold Murphy Catherine Pisacane*	resigned 11/05
Police Chief	Eugene P. Costanza	Contract
Red Shop Committee	Robert Brown William Gannett Merrily Sparling	
School Superintendent	Dr. Patricia Ruane	Contract
Tax Collector/Treasurer	Barbara J. Walls	2006
Town Accountant	Linda Catanzariti	2008
Town Coordinator	Eugene Phillips	Contract
Town Counsel	Kopelman & Paige	2006
Veterans Agent	Anthony Mastroianni	2006
Water & Wastewater Manager	Timothy J. Watson	Employee
Wiring Inspector	Joseph Scanzaroli	2006
Assistant Wiring Inspector	Stephen Wood	2006
Zoning Board of Appeals	Steven Gallagher*	2006
	Ross Mazzaelli	2006
	Timothy Alger	2007
	Andrew L. Jacaruso	2008
	Kenneth Piercesaw	2008

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide \$31,300, to defray the continuing costs associated with the release and cleanup to date of #2 Heating Oil at the Memorial School on April 2, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action in connection therewith.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre7/1/05), or take any other action related thereto.

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>World Almanac Education</i>	<i>\$126.49</i>	<i>Library Expense</i>	<i>\$126.49</i>
<i>PBS Video</i>	<i>\$725.11</i>	<i>Library Expense</i>	<i>\$725.11</i>

Submitted by: Library Trustees

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to rescind all or part of that portion of the vote taken on Article 4 of the June 21, 2005 Special Town Meeting which appropriated \$52,000 from certified Free Cash to the School Department for Computer Equipment and further to vote to transfer from certified Free Cash a sum of \$42,000 to the School Department for Computer Equipment, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Wheelabrator Millbury, Inc. for the disposal of Residential Acceptable Waste, which contract shall be for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years as such would be authorized pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 30B, Section 12(f) and any other applicable law, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to GLc. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999, such expenditures not to exceed \$75,000.00 for the fiscal year 2006; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,000.00 to fund repairs to the Fire Department Ambulance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$12,310.00 for the purpose of supplementing the Highway Departments FY06 budget ,Salaries and Wages voted at the Annual Town Meeting of June,2005 or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote, to amend Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to read as follows:

§ 137-24. Vacation leave.

A. Each employee shall be credited as of his/her anniversary date with a vacation leave with regular pay as follows:

1. For one through four years of service, as of his/her anniversary date, 10 days of vacation.
2. For five through nine years of service, as of his/her anniversary, 15 days' vacation.
3. For 10 through nineteen years of service, as of his/her anniversary, 20 days' vacation.
4. For 20 or more years of service, as of his/her anniversary, 25 days vacation.

B. Vacations are to be taken within the 12 months following their being earned and credited.

C. At the discretion of the Department Manager (for emergency situations only) one week of vacation leave of an employee can be carried into the succeeding twelve-month period except that vacation earned within the first 12 months of employment must be used within 12 months of earning.

D. All requests for vacation leave must be submitted to department managers for approval at least one week prior to the intended leave.

E. There shall be no payment or other consideration made to an employee for unused vacation leave, subject to the rules above, except that should a person leave or retire in good standing, he/she shall be compensated for the accrued vacation time, either by leaving the position in advance of his/her last day so as to use all vacation days or, at the convenience of the Town, shall be compensated for vacation days remaining. Should you terminate your employment with a negative vacation balance, the amount may be deducted from your final paycheck.

F. The provisions of Subsection A of this § 137-24, Vacation leave, shall not apply to any employee hired before January 1, 1978.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide \$200,000 or some other amount to fund expenses incurred as a result of the Administrative Consent Order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, such expenses consisting but not limited to immediate corrective actions to secure compliance on or before October 17, 2005, or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,330 to the Sewer Departments Salary and Health Insurance lines, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to fund the cost items of the first year of the collective bargaining agreement between the town and M.L.D.C. Union Local 1116 Public Employees—Department Heads, which covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, by confirming the previous appropriation of \$240,425 voted under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract, or to take any action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to fund the cost items of the first year of the collective bargaining agreement between the town and M.L.D.C. Union Local 1116 Public Employees—Hopedale Highway, Water, Sewer/Clerical Staff, which covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, by confirming the previous appropriations of \$240,425 (Highway), \$153,557 (Water) and \$158,174 (Sewer), voted under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract, or to take any action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to fund the cost items of the first year of the collective bargaining agreement between the town and Hopedale Permanent Police Officers Association, Local 164, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, which covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, by confirming the previous appropriations of \$660,505 voted under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract, or to take any action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 14 : To see if the Town will vote to fund the cost items of the first year of the collective bargaining agreement between the town and Hopedale Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 225, International Association of Firefighters, which covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, by confirming the previous appropriations of \$343,733 voted under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract, or to take any action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24th day of October 2005.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Alan J. Ryan
Chairman

Michael E. Collins

Louis J. Arcudi III

A True Copy, ATTEST: _____

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Police Station Lobby.

Constable

Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2005
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:30PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The Special Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated October 24, 2005.

Moderator Larkin led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

ARTICLE 1: Selectman Louis Arcudi moved to transfer from Stabilization \$31,300, to defray the continuing costs associated with the release and cleanup to date of #2 heating oil at the Memorial School on April 2, and for payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: Selectman Michael Collins moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre 07/01/2005) as follows:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>World Almanac Education</i>	<i>\$126.49</i>	<i>Library Expense</i>	<i>\$126.49</i>
<i>PBS Video</i>	<i>\$725.11</i>	<i>Library Expense</i>	<i>\$ 725.11</i>

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 3: Capital Planning Member Karla Hopkins moved to rescind \$10,000 of that portion of the appropriation voted on Article 4 of the June 21, 2005 Special Town Meeting which appropriated \$52,000 from certified 2004 Free Cash to the School Department for computer equipment, leaving in place the remainder of the vote taken on said article 4, including, but not limited to, the remaining sum of \$42,000 transferred from certified 2004 Free Cash to the School Department for said computer equipment.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 4: Board of Health Member Peter Mitchell moved to authorize the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Wheelabrator Millbury, Inc. for the disposal of residential acceptable waste, which contract shall be for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years as such would be authorized pursuant to the provisions of MGL c. 30B, Section 12(f) and any other applicable law.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 5: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to GL c. 44, section 53E ½ for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999, such expenditures not to exceed \$75,000 for the FY 2006.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 7: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 8: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to amend Town By-law, Chapter XXII-B, the Personnel Administration By-law, to read as follows:

Section 137-24 Vacation Leave

- A. Each employee shall be credited as of his/her anniversary date with a vacation leave with regular pay as follows:
 1. For one through four years of service, as of his/her anniversary date, 10 days of vacation.
 2. For five through nine years of service, as of his/her anniversary date, 15 days of vacation.
 3. For ten through nineteen years of service, as of his/her anniversary date, 20 days of vacation.
 4. For twenty or more years of service, as of his/her anniversary date, 25 days of vacation.
- B. Vacations are to be taken within the 12 months following their being earned and credited.
- C. At the discretion of the Department Manager (for emergency situations only) one week of vacation leave of an employee can be carried into the succeeding twelve-month period except that vacation earned within the first twelve months of employment must be used within twelve months of earning.
- D. All requests for vacation leave must be submitted to department managers for approval at least one week prior to the intended leave.

- E. There shall be no payment or other consideration made to an employee for unused vacation leave, subject to the rules above, except that should a person leave or retire in good standing, he/she shall be compensated for the accrued vacation time, either by leaving the position in advance of his/her last day so as to use all vacation days or, at the convenience of the Town, shall be compensated for vacation days remaining.
- F. The provisions of subsection A of this chapter 137-24, vacation leave, shall not apply to any employee hired before January 1, 1978.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 7:47PM.

ARTICLE 9: Dr. James Morin moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of \$200,000 to fund expenses incurred as a result of the Administrative consent order number ACOP-CE-05-1N008, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, on July 21, 2005, to the Hopedale Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore and that the Treasurer or any other official of the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement thereunder and a project regulatory agreement to expend any such funds.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10: Dr. James Morin moved to transfer from Sewer Expense \$25,330 to the Sewer Department's Salary and Health Insurance lines.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 11: Selectman Michael Collins moved to fund the cost items of the third year of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and M.L.D.C. Union Local 1116 Public Employees – Department Heads, which covers the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006, by confirming the previous appropriation of \$245,825 voted under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract. The motion was seconded. An amendment was moved to change the word "first" to "third." The amendment was seconded and passed.

The original article as amended was moved, seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 12: Selectman Michael Collins moved to fund the cost items of the third year of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and M.L.D.C. Union Local 1116 Public Employees – Hopedale Highway, Water, Sewer/Clerical Staff, which covers the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006, by confirming the previous appropriations of \$245,825 Highway), \$153,557 (Water) and \$158,174 (Sewer), voted

under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract. The motion was seconded. An amendment was moved to change the word “first” to “third.” The amendment was seconded and passed.

The original article as amended was moved, seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 13: Selectman Michael Collins moved to fund the cost items of the first year of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Hopedale Permanent Police Officers Association, Local 164, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, which covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, by confirming the previous appropriations of \$660,505 voted under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

The Police have agreed to a 70%/30% split of health insurance premiums.

ARTICLE 14: Selectman Michael Collins moved to fund the cost items of the first year of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Hopedale Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 225, International Association of Firefighters, which covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, by confirming the previous appropriations of \$343,733 voted under Article 11 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting for 2006 Salaries and Overtime, which amount is sufficient to fund all of the cost items for the first year of the contract.

The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was seconded and passed at 8:06PM.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.
Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre7/1/05), or take any other action related thereto.

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Random House/Books on Tape</i>	<i>\$380.80</i>	<i>Library Expense</i>	<i>\$380.80</i>
<i>Massachusetts Electric</i>	<i>\$20.18</i>	<i>Fire Department Expense</i>	<i>\$ 20.18</i>
<i>Community Newspaper Company</i>	<i>\$621.73</i>	<i>Zoning Board Expense</i>	<i>\$621.73</i>

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by adopting the following amendments, or take any other action in relation thereto.

To amend various provisions of Section 13, Table of Regulations, pertaining to the RA district, as follows:

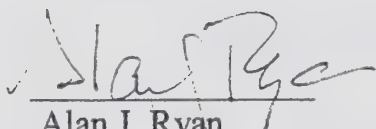
- Amend the minimum Lot Area (RES) for RA from 10,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet.
- Amend the minimum lot frontage for RA from 50' to 125'.
- Amend the distance for building line for RA from 50' to 125'.

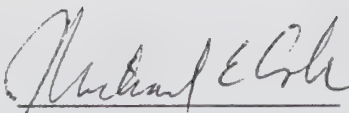
Submitted by: Planning Board

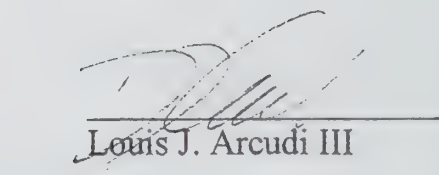
You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 28th day of November 2005.

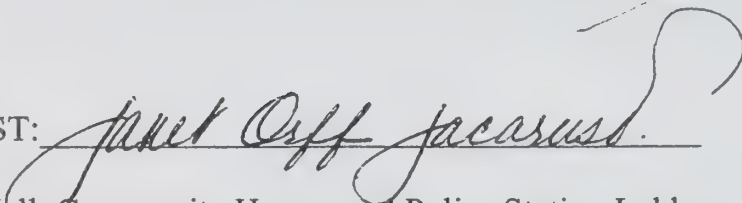
Submitted by: Selectmen


Alan J. Ryan
Chairman

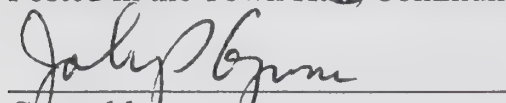

Michael E. Collins


Louis J. Arcudi III

A True Copy, ATTEST:


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Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Police Station Lobby.


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TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2005
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:10PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The Special Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated November 28, 2005.

On behalf of the Town, Moderator Larkin extended congratulations to Cross-Country Coach Joseph Drugan and his athletes for attaining State Champion status. The girls’ soccer team led by Coach Patty Cronin was recognized for capturing the State Title as well.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

ARTICLE 1: Selectman Michael Collins moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills as follows:

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Random House/Books on Tape</i>	\$380.80	<i>Library Expense</i>	\$380.80
<i>Massachusetts Electric</i>	\$20.18	<i>Fire Department Expense</i>	\$ 20.18
<i>Community Newspaper Company</i>	\$621.73	<i>Zoning Board Expense</i>	\$621.73

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: Selectman Chair Alan Ryan move to amend the Hopedale Zoning Bylaws by adopting the following amendments:

To amend various provisions of Section 13, Table of Regulations, pertaining to the RA district, as follows:

- Amend the minimum Lot Area (RES) for RA from 10,000 square feet to 15,000 square feet.
- Amend the minimum lot frontage for RA from 50’ to 125’.
- Amend the distance for building line for RA from 50’ to 125’.

The motion was seconded. Planning Board Chair Craig Travers presented the Planning Board report. The motion passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

At 7:25PM a motion was heard to dissolve the warrant. The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

TOWN OF HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCAL ELECTION WARRANT

SS. Worcester

To any of the Constables of the Town of Hopedale,

Greetings:

In the name of the Town of Hopedale, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Local Election to vote at:

George A. Draper Gymnasium
13 Dutcher Street

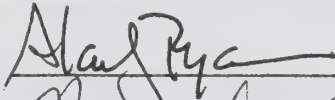
on TUESDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF MAY, 2006, from 7:00AM to 8:00PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Local Election for the candidates for the following offices:

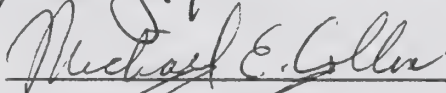
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YEARS
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YEARS
HOUSING AUTHORITY	5 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS
MODERATOR	3 YEARS
PARK COMMISSION	3 YEARS
ROAD COMMISSION.....	3 YEARS
ROAD COMMISSION	1 YEAR
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD	5 YEARS
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION	3 YEARS

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of May 2006.



Alan J. Ryan, Chairman



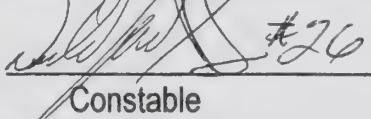
Michael E. Collins, Selectman



Louis J. Arcudi III, Selectman

This notice shall be posted as required by Town bylaws in three places in the Town of Hopedale:
Town Hall, Police Station Lobby and Post Office Lobby.

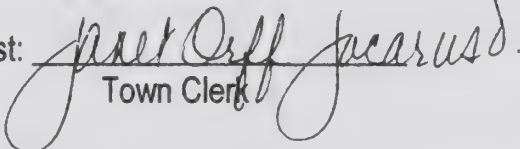
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Constable

May 1, 2006

A true copy, attest:



Town Clerk

**Annual Town Election
May 9, 2006**

Board of Health (3 Years)

*Peter B. Mitchell	142
Blanks	16
Write-ins	0

Housing Authority (5 Years)

*Louis J. Trevani	108
Blanks	48
Write-ins	2

Housing Authority (2 Years)

*Ellen M. Murphy	136
Blanks	22
Write-ins	0

Library Trustee (3 Years)

*Katherine M. Wright	133
Blanks	23
Write-ins	2

Moderator (3 Years)

*Francis J. Larkin	123
Blanks	29
Write-ins	6

Park Commission (3 Years)

[NO CANDIDATE ON BALLOT]

Blanks	70
*Rich Breese	37
Larry Embree	35
Other Write-ins	16

Planning Board (5 Years)

*Catherine Pisacane	112
Blanks	44
Write-ins	2

Road Commission (3 Years)

*Eli J. Potty	133
Blanks	25
Write-ins	0

Road Commission (1 Year)

*Joseph C. Sweet	129
Blanks	29
Write-ins	0

School Committee (3 Years)

*Elizabeth S. Lerner	131
Blanks	26
Write-ins	1

School Committee (3 Years)

*Lori L. Hampsch	123
Blanks	34
Write-ins	1

Selectman (3 Years)

*Michael E. Collins	132
Blanks	25
Write-ins	1

Water & Sewer Commission (3 Years)

*Aldo P. Tarca	130
Blanks	27
Write-ins	1

* Denotes winner

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 16th, 2006 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, May 16th, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto .

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2007, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	\$30,867
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,850
Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,600
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 1,000
Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 4,100
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 1,300
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 950
School Committee (5)	\$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5)	\$ 2,600

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public or private sale or auction, for such price as they consider equitable, and upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary, parcels of vacant land presently owned by the town by reason of the foreclosure of tax titles thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds. The total area of land sold to any one person shall not exceed two acres. A record of all sales giving the names and addresses of the Purchasers, the area and location of the land sold and the price sold therefore shall be kept by the Selectmen and shall be available for public inspection at all reasonable times, authority therefore to expire June 30, 2007 or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$72,494 for the Sewer Department or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, to fund sick time buy back in the amount of \$40,000 as a contractual obligation in the Police Chiefs contract expiring June 30, 2007, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2007; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2007; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2007, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$97,750 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to adjust the percentage applicable to the compensation plan, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Committee

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal Year 2007 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$157,050, Expenses \$335,216, Debt \$85,803 including Long Term Principle \$48,790, Long Term Interest \$18,113 and BAN \$18,900, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$202,600, Expenses \$383,796, Debt \$6,000 for Sewer Bond Interest, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$101,864, Expenses \$34,700, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1321.57 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen jointly with the Council on Aging to appoint a Senior Center Study Committee of seven individuals to conduct a feasibility study and present a final report to outline the towns needs for a Senior Center, with the final report completed no later than January 1, 2007, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Council on Aging

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$48,286 (\$45,495.40 principal and \$2,790.60 interest) to make the final of a three year lease to purchase payment to All American Investment Group, LLC., 730 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202, or take any other action in relation thereof.

Submitted by: Board of Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of reconstructing the Mill Street Bridge, the fee and drainage easements and/or temporary construction easements in portions of the following parcels of land: (a) land now or formerly owned by Amy Jean Burns and Robert Burns, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 13006, Page 96, (b) land now or formerly owned by M.C. Machine Company, and described in deeds recorded with said Deeds in Book 15928, Page 167 and in Book 15928, Page 164; and (c) land owned by owners unknown, located on Mill Street, all of which portions are shown on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts, Showing Takings for Highway Purposes,” dated March 31, 2006, prepared by Parsons, on file with the Town Clerk; and, further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Town Meeting authorizing the acquisition of property currently owned by Louis J. Noferi (the “Seller”), shown as parcel 11-74-2 on the Hopedale Assessors map, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 4982, Page 106, by further authorizing the Selectmen to grant a mortgage on said property to secure the Town’s obligations under a promissory note to be granted by the Town to the Seller, and to enter into any and all agreements, take all actions, and execute all instruments and documents necessary to accomplish the foregoing acquisition, or to take any action relative thereto, and further to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, if necessary, to enact legislation to authorize the grant of said mortgage, provided that the General Court may make any clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill submitted by the Board of Selectmen, and such other amendments to the bill submitted, as the Board of Selectmen may approve before enactment by the General Court; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$167,973 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, which is inclusive of \$14,813 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2007; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Cable advisory Committee

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 4A, authorize the Board of Health; Health Agent to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving the following for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006:

1. Reducing the age of eligibility, currently set at 70 years, to 65 years;
2. Increasing the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,440 in valuation or \$555, whichever is greater, to \$4,587 in valuation or \$575, whichever is greater;

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to increase the maximum qualifying gross receipts amount that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59, Section 5, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to \$30,000 with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41A from 8% to 5%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Assessors

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 349 of the Hopedale Bylaws by adopting a new section as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto:

No vehicle over 10,001 Lbs, Gross Vehicle Weight Rated (GVWR), or measuring (8) eight feet, or more, in width or measuring 20 feet, or more, in length, including a trailer and power unit attached together, shall be parked on a public way, or a way to which the public has a right of travel, if such vehicle fills more than one third the width of the available roadway if parking is allowed on both sides of the street or one half the width of the available roadway if parking is allowed on one side only, or if such vehicle obstructs the travel of emergency vehicles, for more than two hours unless being actively loaded, unloaded or materials or equipment are being actively used from said vehicle or trailer. No owner and/or driver of any vehicle described in this section shall leave such vehicle on a public way, or a way to which the public has a right of travel, unless said owner and/or driver remains at all times readily available and capable of moving such vehicle if necessary. Said vehicles shall be locked and chock blocks shall be placed in front, and at the rear, of the set of rear wheels furthest away from the curb. The steering wheels shall be turned toward the curb to prevent the vehicle from rolling. The emergency brake must be set and the keys removed from the ignition unless the vehicle is equipped with such devices that the engine or ignition is necessary to run said equipment.

First time offenders will be advised of said by-law via a verbal or written warning, which is kept in record by the Hopedale Police. Subsequent violations will be subject to a \$50 fine per offense.

Submitted by: Police department

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to add Chapter 285 of the Hopedale Bylaws by adopting a section as follows, or take any other action in relation thereto:

It shall be unlawful for any person, persons or company to create, assist in creating, continue or allow to continue an excessive, unnecessary, unreasonable or unusually loud or objectionable noise which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose, health or safety of anyone within the Town of Hopedale. The following are examples, but not conclusive, of loud, disturbing, injurious, unnecessary and unlawful noise, in violation of this section of the Town of Hopedale By-Laws.

Submitted by: Police department

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period to exceed three years for the purpose of assigning, transferring or otherwise disposing of the Town's interest in leases for operation of telecommunications facilities on Town-owned property between the Town and T-Mobil and the Town and Cingular to a third party pursuant to a bid process undertaken in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B and/or any other applicable general or special law; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation in the form set forth below; and provided further that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to approve amendments which shall be in the scope of the public objectives of the petition.

AN ACT EXEMPTING MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1:Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 156 of the Acts of 2000, or any other general or special law or act to the contrary, the position of regular or permanent members of the Fire Department, including intermittent Call Firefighters and Fire Chief, in the Town of Hopedale shall hereafter be exempt from Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2:Section 1 shall not impair the civil service status of the persons serving as employees on the Fire Department in the Town of Hopedale on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3:This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, upon such terms and conditions as the Board determines, for Highway Department expansion purposes, the fee simple interest or less in land currently owned by The Grafton & Upton Railroad, said land shown as parcel 11-63-0 on the Hopedale Assessors Map Number 11, being a portion of the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 4752 Page 506, said land being located off Depot Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 63,598 square feet of land more or less and, further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow \$5,000 to design and build a steel gate at the South Hopedale Cemetery, or take any other action thereto.

Submitted by: Cemetery Trustees

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Enterprise Account to the Capital Projects line the sum of \$100,000 to clean the Steele Road Water Tank, purchase 200 Radio Read meters, replace the Driftway Water Main and develop a new water source, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Account to the Capital Projects line the sum of \$60,000 to offset a portion of the replacement of approximately 300 feet of Dutcher Street sewer main, purchase a new truck and sand blast and paint #2 Primary Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding expenses associated with the maintenance and replacement of the Public copier located in the Library, which fund shall be credited with receipts from use of the copier and to be expended under the authority of the Board of Library Trustees, such expenditures not to exceed \$5000.00 for the fiscal year 2007; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Library Trustees

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow up to \$580,000 to allow the Selectmen to purchase a ladder truck for use by the Fire Department, or take any other action in relation thereof.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 8th day of May 2006.

HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins

Alan J. Ryan

Louis J. Arcudi III

Chairman

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

Constable

Date

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 16, 2006
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:05PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin called the meeting to order and declared a quorum (50) present. The Annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 8, 2006.

On behalf of the Town, Moderator Larkin offered words of remembrance at the passing of former Town official, Leo Lovely.

A motion to extend privileges of the floor to specific non-residents was made and seconded. The non-residents include: Town Counsel Joyce Frank, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Fire Chief Scott Garland, Town Collector/Treasurer Barbara Walls, Water & Wastewater Manager Timothy Watson, and Hopedale Patrolman John Gagnon. The motion was carried as declared by the Moderator at 7:10PM.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

ARTICLE 1: Selectman Louis Arcudi moved to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. Water & Sewer Commissioner Robert Bird spoke of the current level of water availability & usage, a new well in the process of being approved, the excellent performance of Water/Wastewater staff and infrastructure upgrades and improvements. Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips informed the voters that the budget numbers from the Commonwealth were not finalized; therefore some articles would be passed over until the continuation of the meeting in June.

ARTICLE 2: Selectman Chairman Alan Ryan moved, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in FY 2007:

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
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Finance Committee (9) \$ 950
 School Committee (5) \$ 5,500
 Conservation Committee(5) \$ 2,600
 *Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator at 7:28PM.

ARTICLE 3: Selectman Chairman Alan Ryan moved to pass over this article. Motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 4: Water & Sewer Commission Chairman Dr. James Morin moved to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44 §53E bond issue payments of \$72,494 for the Sewer Department. The motion was seconded. Dr. Morin explained this was the loan on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Resident Christopher Mulroney inquired as to how many years remained on this assessment. The Commissioner communicated a figure of seventeen (17) years. The motion was put to a vote and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 5: Eugene Phillips moved to transfer from the Louis J. Noferi Land Acquisition line within the Selectmen's budget, the sum of \$300,000 into the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B. . Motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6: Alan Ryan moved to raise and appropriate to fund sick time buy back as a contractual obligation in the Police Chief's contract expiring June 30, 2007, the amount of \$37,229. Motion was seconded. Finance Committee Chairman James Carroll spoke regarding sick-time buyback in the future and warned against this very expensive benefit. Voters questioned who authorized this practice, ultimately Selectmen are responsible for contracts negotiated by the Town Administrator. The voters asked for a secret ballot. The Moderator agreed to this request. Town Clerk Janet Jacaruso, Teller Joseph Drugan and Teller Robert Hammond facilitated the secret balloting with the following result: 24 votes no, 67 votes yes. The motion carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 7: Board of Health Chairman Robert Moro moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for FY 2007. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 8: Board of Health Chairman Robert Moro moved to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2007. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 9: Selectman Michael Collins moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2007. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10: Selectman Michael Collins moved to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$97,750 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 11: Selectman Louis Arcudi moved to postpone consideration of this article until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 20, 2006 at 7:00PM in the High School Auditorium. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator at 8:05PM.

ARTICLE 12: Finance Committee Chairman James Carroll moved to postpone consideration of this article until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 20, 2006 at 7:00PM in the High School Auditorium. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 13: Water & Sewer Commission Chairman Dr. James Morin moved to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$157,920, Expenses \$359,775, Debt \$85,803 including Long Term Principle \$48,790, Long Term Interest \$18,113 and BAN \$18,900 for a total budget of \$603,498. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 14: Water & Sewer Commission Chairman Dr. James Morin moved to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$203,438, Expenses \$383,775, Debt \$6,000 for Sewer BAN for a total budget of \$593,213. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 15: Selectman Louis Arcudi moved to postpone consideration of this article until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 20, 2006 at 7:00PM in the High School Auditorium. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator

ARTICLE 16: Planning Board member Carol Whyte moved to raise and appropriate a sum of \$1321.57 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District. At 8:11PM the motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 17: Council on Aging Director Carole Mullen moved to authorize the Selectmen jointly with the Council on Aging to appoint a Senior Center Study Committee of seven individuals to conduct a feasibility study and present a final report to outline the Town's needs for a Senior Center, with the final report completed no later than January 1, 2007. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Mullen spoke of the need to focus on Hopedale's senior population. The Senior Center has been housed in one room in a private building for thirty-five (35) years. The motion was put to a vote at 8:13PM and was carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 18: Selectman Michael Collins moved to raise and appropriate \$48,286 (\$45,495.40 principal and \$2,790.60 interest) to make the final of a three-year lease to purchase payment to All American Investment Group, LLC., 730 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202. At 8:15PM the motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 19: Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of reconstructing the Mill Street Bridge, the fee and drainage easements and/or temporary construction easements in portions of the following parcels of land: (a) land now or formerly owned by Amy Jean Burns and Robert Burns, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 13006, Page 96, (b) land now or formerly owned by M.C. Machine Company, and described in deeds recorded with said Deeds in Book 15928, Page 167 and in Book 15928, Page 164; and (c) land owned by owners unknown, located on Mill Street, all of which portions are shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in the Town of Hopedale, Massachusetts, Showing Takings for Highway Purposes," dated March 31, 2006, prepared by Parsons, on file with the Town Clerk; and, further to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate \$7,500 for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition. The motion was seconded. Mr. Phillips explained that the bridge is unsafe and complete rebuilding is slated to begin in the fall of 2006. The \$7,500 will be placed in an escrow account for any unnamed owner who may come forward in the future. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 20: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to amend the vote taken under Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Town Meeting authorizing the acquisition of property currently owned by Louis J. Noferi (the "Seller"), shown as parcel 11-74-2 on the Hopedale Assessors map, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 4982, Page 106, by further authorizing the Selectmen to grant a mortgage on said property to secure the Town's obligations under a promissory note to be granted by the Town to the Seller, and to enter into any and all agreements, take all actions, and execute all instruments and documents necessary to accomplish the foregoing acquisition, or to take any action relative thereto, and further to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, if necessary, to enact legislation to authorize the grant of said mortgage, provided that the General Court may make any clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill submitted by the Board of Selectmen, and such other amendments to the bill submitted, as the Board of Selectmen may approve before enactment by the General Court; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition. Motion was seconded.

Eugene Phillips moved to take Article 29 out of order. Motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 29: Eugene Phillips moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period to exceed three years for the purpose of assigning, transferring or otherwise disposing of the Town's interest in leases for operation of telecommunications facilities on Town-owned property between the Town and T-Mobil and the Town and Sprint to a third party pursuant

to a bid process undertaken in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B and/or any other applicable general or special law. Motion was seconded. Mr. Phillips explained that the Town stands to make \$550,000 to \$600,000 with the sale of these leases. The motion carried at 8:24PM as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 20: The Moderator called for a vote on Article 20, which carried unanimously at 8:28PM.

ARTICLE 21: Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$167,973 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, which is inclusive of \$14,813 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 22: Eugene Phillips moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2007. The motion was seconded. The funds are to be used for capital projects. At 8:34PM the motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 23: Board of Health Chairman Robert Moro moved, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, § 4A, to authorize the Board of Health/Health Agent to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Intermunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 24: Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves moved to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving the following for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006:

1. Reducing the age of eligibility, currently set at 70 years, to 65 years;
2. Increasing the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,440 in valuation or \$555, whichever is greater, to \$4,587 in valuation or \$575, whichever is greater. The motion was seconded and carried at 8:35PM as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 25: Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves moved to increase the maximum qualifying gross receipts amount that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59, Section 5, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to \$30,000 with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 26: Principal Assessor Teri Gonsalves moved to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under M.G.L. c. 59 §5, Clause 41A from 8%

to 5%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006. At 8:37PM the motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 27: Patrolman John Gagnon moved to amend Chapter 349 of the Hopedale Bylaws by adopting a new section as follows:

No vehicle over 10,001 Lbs, Gross Vehicle Weight Rated (GVWR), or measuring (8) eight feet, or more, in width or measuring 20 feet, or more, in length, including a trailer and power unit attached together, shall be parked on a public way, or a way to which the public has a right of travel, if such vehicle fills more than one third the width of the available roadway if parking is allowed on both sides of the street or one half the width of the available roadway if parking is allowed on one side only, or if such vehicle obstructs the travel of emergency vehicles, for more than two hours unless being actively loaded, unloaded or materials or equipment are being actively used from said vehicle or trailer. No owner and/or driver of any vehicle described in this section shall leave such vehicle on a public way, or a way to which the public has a right of travel, unless said owner and/or driver remains at all times readily available and capable of moving such vehicle if necessary. Said vehicles shall be locked and chock blocks shall be placed in front, and at the rear, of the set of rear wheels furthest away from the curb. The steering wheels shall be turned toward the curb to prevent the vehicle from rolling. The emergency brake must be set and the keys removed from the ignition unless the vehicle is equipped with such devices that the engine or ignition is necessary to run said equipment. First time offenders will be advised of said by-law via a verbal or written warning, which is kept in record by the Hopedale Police. Subsequent violations will be subject to a \$50 fine per offense. At 8:40PM the motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 28: Patrolman John Gagnon moved to pass over this Article. At 8:42PM the motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 30: Selectman Louis Arcudi moved to pass over this Article. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 31: Selectman Alan Ryan moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, upon such terms and conditions as the Board determines, for Highway Department expansion purposes, the fee simple interest or less in land currently owned by The Grafton & Upton Railroad, said land shown as parcel 11-63-0 on the Hopedale Assessors Map Number 11, being a portion of the premises as described in a deed recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 4752 Page 506, said land being located off Depot Street in the Town of Hopedale, and consisting of 63,598 square feet of land more or less and, further to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$125,000 from Stabilization, for this purpose and any expenses related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 8:44PM as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 32: Town Administrator Eugene Phillips moved to pass over this Article. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 33: Dr. James Morin moved to transfer from the Water Enterprise Account to the Capital Projects line the sum of \$160,000 to clean the Steel Road water tank, purchase 200 Radio Read meters, replace the Driftway water main and develop a new water source. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator at 8:45PM.

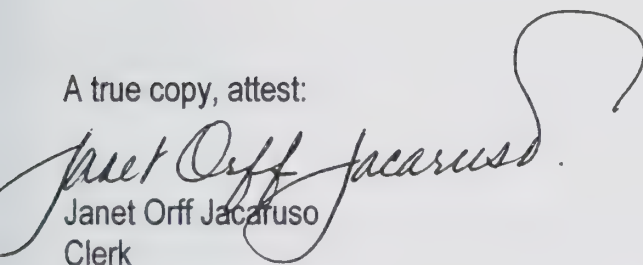
ARTICLE 34: Dr. James Morin moved to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Account to the Capital Projects line the sum of \$60,000 to offset a portion of the replacement of approximately 300 feet of Dutcher Street sewer main, purchase a new truck and sand blast and paint #2 Primary Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 35: Merrily Sparling moved to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding expenses associated with the maintenance and replacement of the Public copier located in the Library, which fund shall be credited with receipts from use of the copier and to be expended under the authority of the Board of Library Trustees, such expenditures not to exceed \$5000.00 for the fiscal year 2007. The motion was seconded. Finance Committee Chairman Jim Carroll advised against supporting this article as the copier revolving fund would not be self-funding. The article was defeated by voice vote at 8:50PM.

ARTICLE 36: Eugene Phillips moved the sum of \$580,000 be hereby appropriated to purchase a ladder truck for use by the Fire Department, and for the payment of any other related costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7(9) of the General Laws, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore. The motion was seconded. Fire Chief Scott Garland addressed the assembly. He informed voters that the current ladder truck is 33 years old and not certifiable. He is hoping to buy a year-end model at a reduced price, which will be significantly less than the \$1 million price tag of a brand new vehicle. After lengthy discussion the Moderator called for a vote. The motion passed at 9:14PM as declared by the Moderator.

At 9:15 a motion was heard to postpone further consideration of Annual Town Meeting articles until the continuation of this town meeting on date certain June 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. The motion was seconded and carried as declared by the moderator.

A true copy, attest:


Janet Orff Jacaruso
Clerk

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FY2006 nd FY2007

Tuesday, June 20th, 2006 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 20th, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003 entitled, "An Act Relative to Public Employees serving in the Armed Forces of the United States," as amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005, providing for payment of the base salary of employees in the military service called to active duty after September 11, 2001, after deduction of the military service allowance they received from the United States, excluding certain additional compensation and benefits, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2006 operating budget, or take any other action related thereto.

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Health Insurance	\$40,000	Police Overtime	\$40,000
Health Insurance	\$25,000	Town Hall Energy	\$25,000

Submitted by: Finance Committee

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre7/1/05), or take any other action related thereto

<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Plumbing Salaries	\$520.00	Building Inspector	\$520.00
Police Details	\$3,926.88	Treasurers Salary Account	\$3,926.88

Submitted by: Selectmen

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to allow the direct deposit, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, without further appropriation or transfer by Town Meeting into the Stabilization Fund the receipts from the disposition of the towns leases for operations of telecommunication facilities on town owned property as authorized in Article 29 of the May 16, 2006 Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

Article 5:To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds such sums as may be required for various purposes, or take any other related action thereto.

School Department(BBC Roof repairs)	\$14,000
School Department(BBC Boiler)	\$11,000
School Department(HS Roof Repairs)	\$30,000
School Department(Bus Leases)	\$33,565
Highway Dept(Heating Plant)	\$24,157

Submitted by: Capital Planning Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the total amount voted of \$17,526,945 by \$348,524 by reducing the Water Bond amount to \$1,560 from \$46,061, the Sewer Bond amount of \$83,494 to \$0.00 and the Blackstone Valley Regional School District amount of \$218,969 to \$0.00, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than fourteen days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of June 2006.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael E. Collins

Alan J. Ryan
Chairman

Louis J. Arcudi III

A True Copy, ATTEST: *[Signature]*
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

[Signature]

TOWN OF HOPEDALE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (Continued) &
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 20, 2006
MINUTES

The inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the auditorium of the Jr. – Sr. High School at 7:00PM. At 7:10PM Moderator Francis J. Larkin declared a quorum (50) present and reconvened the Annual Town Meeting. The Annual Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated May 8, 2006. The Special Town Meeting was called under the authority of the warrant dated June 5, 2006. Both warrants were posted according to Town by-laws by sworn Constables.

Moderator Larkin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and offered his congratulations to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and their leaders for their impressive participation in the Memorial Day Parade and Exercises.

A motion to extend privileges of the floor to specific non-residents was made and seconded. The non-residents include Town Counsel Joyce Frank, Police Chief Eugene Costanza, Fire Chief Scott Garland, Town Collector/Treasurer Barbara Walls, Water & Wastewater Manager Timothy Watson, Rose DiOrio, School Dept Business Manager, Tom Plati, School Curriculum & Technology, Steve German, Pupil Personnel Director, Susan Mulready, Head Teacher, Bright Beginnings, Scotti Finnigan, Elementary Principal, Dennis Breen, High School Principal, & Hopedale Patrolman John Gagnon. The motion was carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Eugene Phillips moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting, to be reopened at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting, and to open the Special Town Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:25PM.

Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and carried.

Article 1: Selectman Michael Collins moved to accept Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003 entitled, "An Act Relative to Public Employees serving in the Armed Forces of the United States," as amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005, providing for payment of the base salary of employees in the military service called to active duty after September 11, 2001, after deduction of the military service allowance they received from the United States, excluding certain additional compensation and benefits. The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:27PM.

Article 2: Finance Committee Chair James Carroll moved to transfer sums of money from certain accounts to others to adjust the fiscal year 2006 operating budget as follows:

<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Health Insurance	\$120,997	Police Overtime	\$21,000
		Treasurer Expense	\$17,202
		Snow & Ice	\$38,022
		Medicare	\$ 4,500
		Workers Comp	\$25,987
		Liability Insurance	\$14,286

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:29PM.

Article 3: Selectman Chair Alan Ryan moved to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay prior year bills (pre7/1/05).

<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Accountant Salary	\$4,447	Plumbing Salaries	\$ 520
		Police Details	\$3,927

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator at 7:31PM.

Article 4: Town Coordinator Eugene Phillips moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to allow the direct deposit, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, without further appropriation or transfer by Town Meeting into the Stabilization Fund the receipts from the disposition of the towns leases for operations of telecommunication facilities on town owned property as authorized in Article 29 of the May 16, 2006 Town Meeting.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously as declared by the Moderator at 7:33PM.

Article 5: Capital Planning Member Karla Hopkins moved to transfer from FY2005 certified Free Cash the amount of \$112,722 to be expended for the following projects.

School Department (BBC Roof repairs)	\$14,000
School Department (BBC Boiler)	\$11,000
School Department (HS Roof Repairs)	\$30,000
School Department (Bus Leases)	\$33,565
Highway Dept (Heating Plant)	\$24,157

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:36PM.

Article 6: Eugene Phillips moved to amend Article 11 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the total amount voted of \$17,526,945 by \$348,524 by reducing the Water Bond amount to \$1,560 from \$46,061, the Sewer Bond amount of \$83,494 to \$0.00 and the Blackstone

Valley Regional School District amount of \$218,969 to \$0.00. The motion was seconded. Mr. Phillips explained that this was a housekeeping matter. The figures appeared in the FY06 budget as well as in separate articles.

The motion was carried by voice vote as declared by the Moderator at 7:40PM.

A motion to dissolve the warrant for the Special Town Meeting and resume the Annual Town Meeting was made, seconded and passed by voice vote at 7:41PM as declared by the Moderator.

Article 11: Finance Committee Chair James Carroll moved pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to adjust the percentage applicable to the compensation plan, or take any other action related thereto. The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

Town of Hopedale
Rate Schedule
2007 Rate Increase = 3.0%

Grade	Hourly		Annual		Annual		% between Grades	% between Min/Max
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum		
			@40.0 Hr		@37.5 Hr			
1	\$ 9.69	\$ 11.63	\$ 20,237.84	\$ 24,285.40	\$ 18,900.28	\$ 22,680.33		20%
2	\$ 12.60	\$ 15.12	\$ 26,208.39	\$ 31,450.06	\$ 24,570.36	\$ 29,484.43	30%	20%
3	\$ 13.11	\$ 15.73	\$ 27,266.80	\$ 32,710.08	\$ 25,562.63	\$ 30,665.70	4%	20%
4	\$ 13.63	\$ 16.36	\$ 28,350.42	\$ 34,020.50	\$ 26,578.52	\$ 31,894.22	4%	20%
5	\$ 14.31	\$ 17.17	\$ 29,761.64	\$ 35,708.93	\$ 27,901.54	\$ 33,477.12	5%	20%
6	\$ 15.02	\$ 18.03	\$ 31,248.46	\$ 37,498.15	\$ 29,295.43	\$ 35,154.52	5%	20%
7	\$ 16.22	\$ 19.47	\$ 33,743.30	\$ 40,497.00	\$ 31,634.34	\$ 37,965.93	8%	20%
8	\$ 16.88	\$ 20.26	\$ 35,104.12	\$ 42,135.02	\$ 32,910.11	\$ 39,501.58	4%	20%
9	\$ 17.56	\$ 22.81	\$ 36,515.34	\$ 47,452.30	\$ 34,233.13	\$ 44,486.53	4%	30%
10	\$ 19.31	\$ 25.10	\$ 40,169.39	\$ 52,215.17	\$ 37,658.81	\$ 48,951.72	10%	30%
11	\$ 22.21	\$ 29.97	\$ 46,192.28	\$ 62,345.72	\$ 43,305.26	\$ 58,449.11	15%	35%
12	\$ 26.64	\$ 38.64	\$ 55,415.62	\$ 80,363.99	\$ 51,952.14	\$ 75,341.24	20%	45%

The school department made a presentation regarding their budgeting process.

Article 12: Finance Committee Chair James Carroll moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,338,319 and transfer \$144,300 from Stabilization to defray Town charges for Fiscal Year 2007 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, the \$144,300 from Stabilization to fund the following four line items:

Police Cruiser	\$27,300
Environmental Cleanup	90,000
Railroad Track Relocation	15,000
CMRPC Master Plan	12,000

Mr. Carroll proceeded to read the budget. Any line item placed on “hold” is in bold lettering.

Town Counsel
Operation Costs **\$45,000**

Town Moderator
Salaries Elected Officials 200
Operation Costs 25

Selectmen
Salaries Elected Officials 6,500
Operation Costs 5,575

Computer
Operation Costs 24,079

Coordinator
Salaries & Wages, Permanent 73,899
Salaries, Part Time 24,331
Operation Costs 35,500
Environmental Cleanup 90,000

Finance Committee
Operation Costs 1,875

Reserve Fund 75,000

Accountant
Salaries & Wages, Permanent 52,785
Salaries, Part Time 16,567
Operation Costs 22,600

Assessors
Salaries & Wages, Permanent 83,941
Salaries, Appointed Officials 4,100
Operation Costs 25,015

Tax Title 6,500

Treasurer/Collector
Salaries & Wages, Permanent 120,254
Operation Costs 33,710

Town Clerk
Salaries Elected Officials 30,867

Operation Costs	3,050
<u>Elections</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	4,200
Operation Costs	9,550
<u>Registration</u>	
Salary & Wages, Permanent	1,600
Operation Costs	3,000
<u>Parking Clerk</u>	
Salary	600
Operation Costs	600
<u>Conservation Committee</u>	
Salaries Elected Officials	1,100
Operation Costs	485
<u>Planning Board</u>	
Salaries Elected Officials	3,700
Salary & Wages, Permanent	900
Operation Costs	2,438
CMRPC Master Plan Study	12,000
<u>Cable TV Committee</u>	0
<u>Zoning Board</u>	
Salaries Elected Officials	1,300
Operation Costs	3,000
<u>Public Building – Town Hall</u>	
Operation Costs	47,330
<u>Police</u>	
Salary & Wages, Permanent	659,571
Salary & Wages, Overtime	47,767
Operation Costs	128,652
Police Cruiser	27,300
<u>Public Safety Dispatch</u>	
Salary & Wages, Permanent	141,602
Salary & Wages, Overtime	37,750
<u>Fire</u>	
Salary & Wages, Permanent	289,018
Salary & Wages, Overtime	56,396
Salary & Wages, Call	35,234

Operation Costs	85,256
<u>Ambulance</u>	0
<u>Police Detail</u>	
Police Detail Salaries	6,500
<u>Building Inspector</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	27,114
Operation Costs	4,000
<u>Plumbing Inspector</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	7,000
Operation Costs	500
<u>Electrical Inspector</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	7,000
Operation Costs	500
<u>Civil Defense</u>	
Operation Costs	4,600
<u>Dog Officer</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	6,125
Operation Costs	900
<u>Forestry-Tree Planting</u>	
Salaries Elected Officials	1,000
Operation Costs	15,200
<u>Forestry-Pest Control</u>	
Operation Costs	300
<u>Weights & Measures</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	900
<u>Forestry-Dutch Elm</u>	
Operation Costs	500
<u>Schools</u>	8,819,433
<u>Highway</u>	
Salaries Elected Officials	2,200
Salary, Wages & Overtime, Perm.	256,824
Operation Costs	174,079
Railroad Track Relocation	15,000

<u>Snow Removal</u>	
Operation Costs	95,000
<u>Street Lighting</u>	
Operation Costs	40,000
<u>Cemetery</u>	
Salary & Wages, Permanent	1,553
Operation Costs	500
<u>Health Department</u>	
Salaries, Elected Officials	1,850
Salary & Wages, Permanent	38,851
Operation Costs	442,219
<u>Council on Aging</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	38,541
Operation Costs	17,960
<u>Veterans</u>	
Salary & Wages, Permanent	2,839
Veterans' Benefits	4,000
<u>Commission on Disabilities</u>	
Operation Costs	150
<u>Library</u>	
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	131,142
Operation Costs	84,526
<u>Parks</u>	
Salaries, Elected Officials	1,600
Salaries & Wages, Permanent	30,175
Operation Costs	29,300
<u>Red Shop</u>	
Operation Costs	1,930
<u>Historical Committee</u>	
Operation Costs	2,850
<u>Memorial Day</u>	
Operation Costs	300
<u>Cultural Council</u>	
Operation Costs	4,000

<u>Long Term Debt</u>	
Retirement of Debt-Principle	1,501,204
<u>Long Term Debt Interest</u>	
Retirement of Debt-Interest	690,204
<u>County Assessments</u>	331,873
<u>Unemployment Compensation</u>	40,000
<u>Medicare</u>	128,000
<u>Health and Life Insurance</u>	1,694,817
<u>Workers Compensation</u>	111,565
<u>Liability Insurance</u>	140,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,338,319
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The Moderator called for a vote on all line items that do not have a hold attached. The motion was seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator.

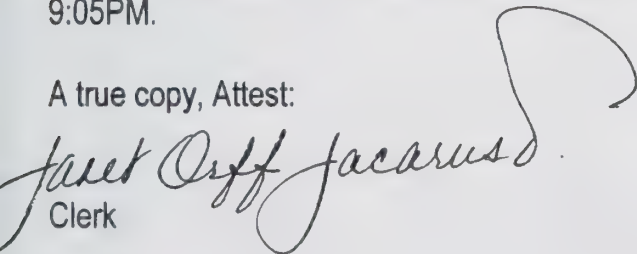
Mr. Phillips moved to vote on the four items in the original motion (Cruiser, Environmental Cleanup, Railroad Track Relocation & CMRPC Master Plan) that will be funded from Stabilization. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously as declared by the Moderator.

The line items that had “holds” placed by voters were then considered. Town Counsel, Accountant and Fire Department line items were discussed. Each line item was moved as originally proposed seconded and passed by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

Article 15: Selectman Louis Arcudi moved to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows: Salaries \$101,864 & Expenses \$34,700. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote as declared by the Moderator.

A motion to dissolve the warrant was made, seconded and passed as declared by the Moderator at 9:05PM.

A true copy, Attest:


Clerk



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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Town Accountant
Linda Catanzariti

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Board of Selectmen and
Residents of Hopedale

The following report reflects the financial condition of the Town of Hopedale as of June 30, 2006 and for the year then ended. The financial statements include the combined balance sheet and combined statement of revenues and expenditures.

I would like to thank the various town departments for their assistance, patience and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Catanzariti
Town Accountant

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

ASSETS

Cash & Investments:

Cash & Investments

Receivables:

Personal Property

Real Estate

Tax Liens

Deferred Property

Tax Foreclosures

Motor Vehicle Excise

Total Tax and Excise

User Charges

Other Service

Special Assessments

Ambulance Receivable

Total User Charges and Assessments

Total Receivables

Due from Commonwealth

Amounts To Be Provided:

Bonds Authorized

Bonds Authorized and Unissued

Amounts to be Provided for BANS

Amounts to be Provided for Bonds

TOTAL ASSETS

	General Fund (1)	Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-40)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
Cash & Investments:								
Cash & Investments	1,631,774.13	1,434,900.29	261,341.83	204,856.17	460,196.33	1,114,247.53	-	5,107,316.28
Receivables:								
Personal Property	6,176.40							6,176.40
Real Estate	144,641.92							144,641.92
Tax Liens	266,765.67							266,765.67
Deferred Property	14,323.82							14,323.82
Tax Foreclosures	41,966.93							41,966.93
Motor Vehicle Excise	127,337.68							127,337.68
Total Tax and Excise	601,212.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	601,212.42
User Charges								
Other Service				11,586.14	9,446.59			21,032.73
Special Assessments				(3,504.56)	6,327.12			2,822.56
Ambulance Receivable		87,570.00		1,132,097.59	1,742.90			1,133,840.49
Total User Charges and Assessments	-	87,570.00	-	1,140,179.17	17,516.61	-	-	1,245,265.78
Total Receivables	601,212.42	87,570.00	-	1,140,179.17	17,516.61	-	-	1,846,478.20
Due from Commonwealth							404,889.41	404,889.41
Amounts To Be Provided:								
Bonds Authorized							1,027,795.00	1,027,795.00
Bonds Authorized and Unissued			830,000.00				(1,027,795.00)	(1,027,795.00)
Amounts to be Provided for BANS							19,085,448.28	19,085,448.28
Amounts to be Provided for Bonds	-	-	830,000.00	-	-	-	19,085,448.28	19,915,448.28
TOTAL ASSETS	2,232,986.55	1,522,470.29	1,091,341.83	1,345,035.34	882,602.35	1,114,247.53	19,085,448.28	27,274,132.17

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-40)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
LIABILITIES								
Warrants Payable	398,166.87	168,798.79	51,265.27	17,758.81	44,149.32	878.50		681,017.56
Withholdings	147,607.77							147,607.77
Provision for Abatelements/Exemptions	180,995.51					152,318.64		180,995.51
Agency Accounts								152,318.64
Tailings	8,975.76							8,975.76
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	(30,177.19)							(30,177.19)
Tax Liens	266,765.67							266,765.67
Deferred Taxes	14,323.82							14,323.82
Tax Foreclosures	41,966.93							41,966.93
Motor Vehicle	127,337.68			1,140,179.17	17,516.61			1,157,695.78
Water & Sewer		87,570.00						87,570.00
Ambulance					404,889.41			404,889.41
Intergovernmental	420,216.91	87,570.00	-	1,140,179.17	422,406.02	-	-	2,070,372.10
Bond Anticipation Notes			830,000.00					830,000.00
Bond Payable:								
Sewer Plant							745,000.00	745,000.00
Water Expansion							1,073,481.28	1,073,481.28
High School Building							11,315,000.00	11,315,000.00
Memorial School Building							3,520,000.00	3,520,000.00
Fire Station Renovation							1,939,350.00	1,939,350.00
Fire Station Contamination							117,650.00	117,650.00
Storm Water							374,967.00	374,967.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,085,448.28	19,085,448.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,155,962.82	256,368.79	881,265.27	1,157,937.98	466,555.34	153,197.14	19,085,448.28	23,156,735.62

Town of Hopedale
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-40)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
FUND BALANCE								
Reserved Fund Balance:								
Reserved for Other Purposes				-				-
Reserved for Encumbrances	26,645.81			313.80	17.97			26,977.58
Reserved for Carryovers	695,866.35			-	18,636.17			714,502.52
Reserved for Petty Cash	220.00							220.00
Reserved for Special Purposes				60,000.00	160,000.00			220,000.00
	722,732.16	-	-	60,313.80	178,654.14	-	-	961,700.10
Designated Fund Balance		1,266,101.50	210,076.56			961,050.39		2,437,228.45
Unreserved Fund Balance	354,291.57	-	-	126,783.56	237,392.87	-	-	718,468.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	1,077,023.73	1,266,101.50	210,076.56	187,097.36	416,047.01	961,050.39	-	4,117,396.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	2,232,986.55	1,522,470.29	1,091,341.83	1,345,035.34	882,602.35	1,114,247.53	19,085,448.28	27,274,132.17

Town of Hopedale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2006

	General Fund	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Special Revenue Fund	Trust & Agency Funds	Long Term Debt Account Group	Total
	(1)	(22-29)	(30-40)	(61)	(20)	(81-89)	(90)	
Taxes:								
Personal Property	176,147.23							176,147.23
Real Estate	8,102,140.11							8,102,140.11
Tax Liens Redeemed	56,369.43							56,369.43
Motor Vehicle Excise	801,820.34							801,820.34
Penalties & Interest	78,185.48							78,185.48
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	39,478.44							39,478.44
Total Taxes	9,254,141.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,254,141.03
User Charges:								
Water					549,664.10			549,664.10
Sewer				490,947.74				490,947.74
Assessments				92,068.20	126,064.52			218,132.72
Total User Charges	-	-	-	583,015.94	675,728.62	-	-	1,258,744.56
State Aid	7,075,851.29	530,752.64						7,606,603.93
Other Special Revenue		2,209,620.13						2,209,620.13
Other Local Receipts:								
Charges for Services	44,326.76	169,698.93	-	-	42,331.90	-	-	256,357.59
Licenses & Permits	131,679.40							131,679.40
Fines & Forfeits	24,711.83							24,711.83
Interest	90,845.81			782.67	782.70	17,271.79		109,682.97
	89,296.77							89,296.77
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	380,860.57	169,698.93	-	782.67	43,114.60	17,271.79	-	611,728.56
TOTAL REVENUE	16,710,852.89	2,910,071.70	-	583,798.61	718,843.22	17,271.79	-	20,940,838.21

Town of Hopedale
Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
June 30, 2006

	General Fund (1)	Other Special Revenue (22-29)	Capital Projects (30-40)	Sewer Enterprise Fund (61)	Water Special Enterprise Fund (20)	Trust & Agency Funds (81-89)	Long Term Debt Account Group (90)	Total
EXPENDITURES								
Expenditures:								
General Government	771,966.32	46,176.24						818,142.56
Police	959,234.85	21,576.88						980,811.73
Fire	526,749.21	186,282.99						791,878.20
Ambulance	127,378.36	10,930.92	78,846.00					138,309.28
Inspectors	44,321.65							44,321.65
Forestry	15,207.60							15,207.60
Other Public Safety	19,339.36	19,984.85						39,324.21
Education	8,196,195.81	2,444,332.55	(9,008.68)					10,631,519.68
Highway	509,498.12	197,890.11	186,798.67					894,186.90
Sewer			197,645.21	441,666.73				639,311.94
Water			706,909.02		486,283.01			1,193,192.03
Other Public Works	42,381.61	421.75						42,803.36
Board of Health	431,292.45	21,835.38						453,127.83
Council on Aging	45,061.92	7,830.84						52,892.76
Veterans	5,085.84							5,085.84
Library	234,187.80	13,063.09				837.50		248,088.39
Parks	67,019.08	30,284.77				262.50		97,566.35
Council on Arts	4,000.00	1,100.00						5,100.00
Other Culture and Recreation	2,952.05							2,952.05
Debt Service	2,222,754.00			83,494.00	45,472.43			2,351,720.43
State and County Charges	1,003,470.32							1,003,470.32
Employee Benefits	1,800,809.46							1,800,809.46
Total Expenditures	17,028,905.81	3,001,710.37	1,161,190.22	525,160.73	531,755.44	1,100.00	-	22,249,822.57
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	(318,052.92)	(91,638.67)	(1,161,190.22)	58,637.88	187,087.78	16,171.79	-	(1,308,984.36)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Other Financing Sources	209,140.46	95,058.35	1,285,333.00			3,927.00		1,593,458.81
Other Financing Uses	(67,010.35)	(209,815.46)	(103,000.00)			(31,300.00)		(411,125.81)
	142,130.11	(114,757.11)	1,182,333.00	-	-	(27,373.00)	-	1,182,333.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(175,922.81)	(206,395.78)	21,142.78	58,637.88	187,087.78	(11,201.21)	-	(126,651.36)

Annual Report for FY2006

In August of 2005 Teri Gonsalves accepted the position of Principal Assessor.

The Assessor's Office would like to welcome Kenneth Andre as a member of the Board of Assessors. Ken was appointed to The Board in November of 2005.

The Department of Revenue recertified the Town's values for Fiscal Year 2006. With this recertification and the approval of the Department of Revenue the Town was able to set its 2006 tax rate, the residential rate for FY2006 is \$10.53 and the Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property tax rate is \$18.03.

The Department of Revenue requires towns to be recertified every three years. The next recertification will be for Fiscal Year 2009. To meet the requirements for recertification the Assessor's Office will continue to do property inspections thru out town. The inspections verify the Assessor's Office has the correct property information. This would include the total square footage (exterior), interior information (including finished basements), and other property improvements (pools, sheds and other exterior improvements). The inspections are triggered for various reasons including sales in the previous calendar year, properties with permits and if a property has not been inspected in the past three to five years. The Assessor's Office and The Board of Assessors would like to thank the property owners for their cooperation when inspections are requested.

At the annual town meeting held on June 20, 2006 it was approved to lower the age requirements for the elderly exemption (Cause 41C). The requirement was 70 years of age by July 1, it was approved to change to 65 years of age. The town offers various exemptions to property owners, please contact our office for further information (508-634-2203 ext 224 or 214)

Property record cards are available on line and may be found at two sites:
www.hopedale-ma.gov
www.patriotproperties.com

Respectfully submitted

Lisa M. Alberto, Chairperson Board of Assessors

Kenneth Andre, Board of Assessors

Teresa M. Gonsalves, MAA Principal Assessor

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Douglas * Grafton
Hopdale * Mendon
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Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

Fiscal Year 2006 Annual Report

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR: As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2006, I hope that everyone throughout the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District shares the sense of pride in the accomplishments our students and staff achieve. Valley Tech, after all, belongs to not one, but thirteen municipalities. It is an honor to serve as Superintendent-Director of your vocational technical system, which remains accountable completely to each and every citizen.

During FY06 we marked the completion of our \$36 million expansion and renovation. The entire process occurred while we fully occupied the building and summoned a great deal of patience and understanding from our staff and students. Any inconveniences, however, were worth the end result. You will be pleased to know that as a Massachusetts Green School the system's numerous renewable energy and cost-efficient aspects applied to the entire building translate into substantial yearly operational savings.

In this time of delays and cost over-runs, we are especially proud of being on-time and on-budget, particularly since the campus functions year-round. It is important to note that due to shrewd fiscal foresight and sound bookkeeping, the District positioned itself to rebate to the towns nearly \$2 million in stabilization funds. As part of the expansion we opened three new state certified vocational technical training programs – cosmetology, dental assisting, and information technology. As these programs grow along with our overall student population, we are confident in our ability to provide the sophisticated vocational technical training and rigorous academic curriculum that establishes potential success for every student in today's high-tech, information-driven economy.

TOWNS BENEFIT FROM REBATES, SAVINGS: As FY06 came to a close, member towns received extra financial resources. The District School and Building Committees made two equal distributions of some \$875,000 to the participating towns in rebate payments of stabilization funds relating to the expansion and renovation. The two District committees were able to substantially reduce the apportioned funds to cover revised borrowing expenses.

Green Schools aim to improve the health, productivity and working environment of students and staff while, in turn, saving on long-range energy costs. The Valley Tech

Building Committee worked closely with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative during the expansion and renovation of Valley Tech's campus. The energy-efficient features of the building are projected to translate into a cost savings of some \$100,000 annually.

OUR STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Once again, students from Valley Tech demonstrated they are capable of competing successfully against the most talented individuals from across the country. For the second straight year, Valley Tech sent six students to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo., and all competing finished in the top 10, including one bronze medal in Electronics Technology. The annual national conference features the top two percent of secondary and post-secondary vocational technical students from across the United States.

Through their vocational technical and academic studies, Valley Tech students regularly integrate with members of the community throughout the District. For example, students assist at local nursing homes, teach lessons at elementary and middle schools through such initiatives as the JASON Project, introduce elementary school students to the advanced technologies at Valley Tech, and instruct youngsters about proper dental care.

On the sports front, seven of the 12 varsity athletic teams from Valley Tech qualified for their respective state tournaments and the girls softball team captured the Division 3 Central Mass. Championship, the first District E title in the school's history.

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS: The FY06 total operating budget for the District was \$14,052,616. This sum was partially funded through Chapter 70 Aid of \$4,881,250 and the absolute Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen member towns totaling \$4,657,490. This investment provided the fiscal support to respond to the diverse learning needs of a student population that grew by 9 percent.

In the operation portion of the budget, but outside DOE Net School Spending areas, the District budgeted \$777,241 for transportation costs, \$38,352 for acquisition of fixed assets, and \$434,984 for retiree medical coverage. This was offset by \$458,653 in regional student transportation funds received from the state. In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. Ever mindful of overall municipal fiscal constraints and the state's economic status, the District undertook efforts to identify any one-time revenue sources which enabled the system to provide a credit of \$30,000 and a reserve fund balance transfer of \$144,380 to offset the towns' actual assessments. The member towns also benefited from a one-time, Venture Capital (Long Term Debt) credit of \$100,000 which was raised through local businesses as well as leaders and citizens of our thirteen communities.

We continue to pursue grants, donations, and alternative sources of income, not only for the District, but member towns as well. For example, working cohesively with municipal officials and their affiliated legislators, Valley Tech personnel prepared successful proposals to secure more than \$760,000 in additional state aid for those towns eligible for Fiscal Year 2006 Foundation Reserve funding. In the second round of Education Reserve

Program grants, Valley Tech was eligible and received \$50,000. In the past 13 years, Valley Tech has secured nearly \$11 million in non-taxpayer funds.

CLASS OF 2006: Valley Tech’s Class of 2006, the third straight to have 100 percent of its members pass the MCAS exams, included the following graduates from Hopedale: Nathan M. Caron, Electrical; Thomas L. Caron, Plumbing; Brian A.F. Chambers, Plumbing; Ryan P. Davitt, Maintenance Repair Service; Mathew R. Felton, Drafting; James M. Grant, Maintenance Repair Service; Christopher J. Masotta, Painting & Design Technologies; Robert J. Ragonese, Graphic Arts; Robert J. Ward, III, Plumbing.

Respectfully submitted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee, Superintendent-Director, and District Treasurer,

Michael D. Peterson, Mendon, Chairman
Gerald M. Finn, Millville, Vice Chairman
Daniel L. Baker, Uxbridge, Secretary
Arthur E. Morin, Milford, Assistant Treasurer
E. Kevin Harvey, Bellingham
William J. Pontes, Blackstone
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Robert S. Metcalf, Hopedale
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Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Kenneth M. Pedersen, Jr., Upton

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director
Barbara Auger, District Treasurer

Please Note: This condensed report is provided at the request of municipal authorities. A more detailed report is available from the Office of the Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, MA 01568-1499. For other district information please go to: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.



Office of
BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Board of Health submits it's Annual Report of the year ending June 30, 2006.

Once again the Board of Health found itself inundated with a variety of requests and duties and the continued building boom added to an already heavy load.

The 3 member elected board; Peter B. Mitchell, Elizabeth A. Sales and Robert M. Moro grants variances, holds hearings on non-compliance orders, and promulgates Board of Health Regulations and Policies. The board holds meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The Board of Health's responsibilities continues to be all encompassing and ever expanding.

It is our responsibility to enforce all public health regulations related to the State Sanitary Health Codes, State and Federal and enforce any local regulations promulgated by the Board of Health members.

The main issues we deal with on a day-to-day basis include septic design and installations, housing complaints, trash and nuisance complaints, food establishment, odor and noise complaints and beach water quality. We also investigate rabies issues, asbestos concerns, West Nile Virus concerns and issue burial permits. The board also conducts Health Clinics in conjunction with the Visiting Nurses. We issue licenses for all installers, well permits, camp permits and answer other issued remotely connected to public health, issue Tobacco Licenses, and conducts compliance checks on establishments that sell tobacco products.

The board was faced with enforcing new regulations regarding Recreational Camps. They are soccer, baseball and all sport camps.

Once again the Board of Health sponsored the annual Flu Clinic, which was conducted by the Visiting Nurses Association of the Greater Milford-Northbridge area. In spite of confusion and shortages of the vaccine from the state the Visiting Nurses did an outstanding job.

Because of the event of September 11, 2001 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Has mandated that every town have a disaster plan in place. Health Agent Leonard A. Izzo has been attending various seminars to prepare for such an event if it occurs. The Hopedale Board of Health has conducted a seminar for Smallpox, Anthrax or a Pandemic certification and training. This seminar was in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health presenters were Jane

Anderson, Mary Conant health educators Division of Epidemiology and Immunization and Leonard A. Izzo Health Agent. This certification was attended by Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Medical Technicians (Fire and Police included). In conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health the Hopedale Board of Health has established an emergency site which is the Hopedale High school with full cooperation of the superintendent of schools Dr. Patricia Ruaine.

Due to the location and accessibility it has been determined that this site is the best choice in the community.

The State Court system overturned the prohibition on body art in Massachusetts. This board worked hard to promulgate regulations to regulate this new industry. We have had many inquiries. To this date the board has not issued any licenses.

The new Bathing Beach Regulations passed by the Department of Public Health once again effected our daily operations requiring sampling requirements from bi-weekly to weekly. Although the regulation was mandated by the state, no funds were made available to the various Boards of Health to assist with the increased testing.

The second is a floor drain regulation as a preventive measure to preserve and protect the Town of Hopedale's drinking water resources from discharges of pollutants to the ground in floor drains.

As you can see the Board of Health has to deal with a variety of complex issues. This office does it's ultimate to answer questions in a timely fashion, return calls quickly and respond to resident complaints in an appropriate time frame.

Everyone believes that his/her situation is of the ultimate importance but unfortunately we are forced to prioritize on a daily basis. This office has only one employee on a daily basis. I make every effort to do my best to answer all questions and resolve the problem and enforce the regulations we are empowered to administer.

Respectfully submitted:
Leonard A. Izzo Health Agent



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Office of:
Building Commissioner
Zoning Enforcement Officer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale, I hereby submit the report of the Building / Zoning Department for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006

The Building /Zoning Department consists of: Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Michael Tusino (dept. head); Electrical Inspector, Joseph Scanzaroli; Plumbing and Gas Inspector, John Fontana, and Assistant Building Inspector Michael Giampietro.

The Building Department is a part-time department which poses a constant challenge to keep up with the pace of construction throughout town as well as provide quality service to the taxpayers. I believe that the Building Department staff continually exceeds this challenge and I thank them for this.

The Estimated cost of construction throughout town was \$ 11,532,500.

The following is a breakdown of departmental activity:

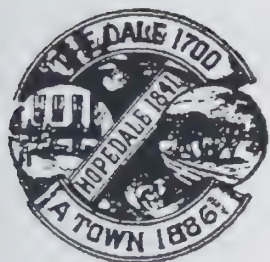
Building Permits were issued as follows:

Single Family Dwellings	8	Residential Additions	13
Two Family Dwellings	0	Residential Renovations	53
Decks	10	Sheds	10
In Ground Pools	7	Above Ground Pools	3
Roofing	26	Wood Stoves	11
Garages	4	Signs	2
Certificate of Inspection	20	Tenant Fit-Up	2
Commercial Buildings	5	Commercial Addit./Ren.	11

Building Inspections:	276	Building Permits:	185	Permit Fees:	\$94,116.60
Electrical Inspections:	238	Electrical Permits:	172	Permit Fees:	\$10,133.00
Plumbing Inspections:	143	Plumbing Permits:	68	Permit Fees:	\$4,957.00
Gas Inspections:	35	Gas Permit:	48	Permit Fees:	\$2,469.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Tusino
Michael A. Tusino
Building Commissioner/
Zoning Enforcement Officer



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**Town Clerk
Notary Public**

Janet Orff Jacaruso

June 30, 2006

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

As another fiscal year draws to a close, I am happy to submit this report of activity pertaining to the clerk's office. During the 2005 calendar year the following events were registered locally and with the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics: seventy-three (73) births, fifty-four (54) deaths and twenty-three (23) marriages.

I was pleased to interact with a special group of Hopedale citizens in December. Hopedale's Cub Scout Den 8, led by Kathryn Harwick Foley, toured Town Hall and learned a bit about Hopedale history and government. The young men were well behaved and enthusiastic. It was a pleasure to host them, their parents and siblings.

The Senior Tax Credit participants completed the Vital Records archival project. All vitals are now stored in acid-free sleeves which will extend the viability of the records. Throughout the past year many individuals have researched family histories via these records. The Seniors also completed work on the annual census and dog registrations. I would like to thank Dr. Florence Ames, Mrs. Claire Turner and Mrs. Cynthia Zacchilli for their dedicated and outstanding efforts. After participating many years, Mrs. Zacchilli has retired from the program. She played an integral part in the day to day operation of the Clerk's Office, assisted former Clerks and actually trained me in many of the functions I carry out today. Thank you, Cynthia, for serving as the unofficial Assistant Town Clerk. I wish you much happiness and good health in the years to come.

Three Special Town Meetings and the Annual Town Meeting were conducted during FY2006. The Annual Town Election was held in May. Minutes and election results are published in this report.

I was again fortunate to attend the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association Annual Conference in June. The education I receive during these seminars is essential in carrying-out the requirements of the Office. Procedures and statutes change continually and with this forum, the business of the Office is completed in an accurate and conforming manner.

I am happy to continue to serve this wonderful and unique community. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcomed to improve the operation of this department.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Orff Jacaruso

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Annual Report
July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

The Council on Aging achieved a milestone this past year with the passage of an article at Town Meeting that established a committee to evaluate the potential of a “free-standing” senior center. The absence of appropriate handicapped accessible space is a persistent challenge to addressing the unmet needs of Hopedale’s aging senior population and limits the scope of our programs and services. The creation of a senior center that provides congregate meals, elder daycare and expanded health, educational and social programs will markedly contribute to improving aging seniors’ abilities to remain in their own homes.

We continue to focus on our core service programs, local and out-of-town medical transportation, the delivery of meals through “The Meals on Wheels Program”, enrollment in the federal Fuel Assistance program, health and prescription drug insurance counseling, podiatry and flu clinics and crisis assistance for elders and their caregivers. During the past year we serviced an estimated four thousand (4,000) calls from seniors, their children and local aging agencies. The predominant topics on which seniors seek information are transportation, healthcare insurance, Medicare, prescription drug insurance coverage, housing, real estate tax relief and caregiver support. We continue to support requests from adult children seeking information regarding services for their aging parents. The 2000 census places Hopedale’s sixty (60) and older population at one thousand eighty (1,080).

The Council on Aging successfully collaborates with the Hopedale School Department and the town of Milford to provide errand and limited medical transportation services. We will enter our sixth (6) year of collaboration with the Milford COA and the Blackstone Valley Consortium of COAs to provide local and out of town medical transportation services to seniors. Transportation services remain the most critical of seniors’ needs. In FY’2006 we provided one hundred forty-two (142) trips (medical/local) for seniors with no means of transportation. The loss of a senior’s ability to drive can have a devastating impact on the quality of their life. Hopedale seniors are disadvantaged by the absence of a regional or a convenient mass transportation system. We continue to work with our legislators to craft a solution to this systemic problem.

Our monthly activities range from programs which provide medical and legal information to those which are purely cultural or social. We provide opportunities for seniors to volunteer their time using their skills and talents either creating items for needy children or reading in the Public Schools. We continue our long-standing relationships and joint annual programming with the Hopedale Schools, Fire and Police and Board of Health Departments, the Girl Scouts and Draper Place, a local Assisted Living Facility. The Annual Senior Citizen Breakfast at the High School, winter and spring concerts with the Elementary School and the Veterans' Breakfast are anticipated events.

One of the means by which the COA and the town offer seniors opportunities to reduce their real estate taxes is through the Senior Tax Credit Program. FY'06 was the thirteenth (13) year of this highly successful program in which seniors age sixty (60) and over, who own property in Hopedale obtain a tax credit of \$750.00 in exchange for one hundred and eleven (111) hours of work in various town departments. In FY'2006, the program had eighteen (18) participants. Hopedale benefits greatly from our senior employees. As in prior years, many who participate in the program go on to volunteer their services to the town long after the completion of their required hours.

The Council on Aging continues to function as the intake site for Hopedale residents seeking Federal Fuel Assistance. We are currently serving more non-elders than elders (out of a total of thirteen (13) applicants only five (5) were seniors). The people who seek our assistance are among the town's most indigent. We are the only town-wide human service agency. Therefore, we not only address applicant's fuel needs but issues of food assistance and housing as well.

Lastly, I want to recognize the outstanding work of COA staff assistant, Tootsie Deletti and thank our wonderful unpaid staff of sixty (60) volunteers. And finally, to all of the Council on Aging board members thank you for all your time and support.

The Council on Aging Board Members are:

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| Co-Chair | Patricia Johnson |
| Co-Chair | Edward Holland |
| Secretary | Nancilee Fuller |
| Members | |
| | Claudette Hughes |
| | Barbara Delphos |
| | Virginia Potty |
| | Julia Manning |

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Mullen
Director

Hopedale Cultural Council
Annual Report 2005-2006

The Massachusetts Cultural Council allocated \$2500.00 for local aid to the arts, humanities and interpretative sciences.

The local council received twenty two applications and awarded the following:

Audio Journal, Windows to the World –250.00
Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band – 350.00
Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation – 350.00
Jim Douglas; NESPAD update/promotion – 50.00
Greater Milford Ballet, The Nutcracker Ballet – 350.00
Hopedale Memorial Elementary School – 300.00
Milford Performing Arts Center, The Boars Head Feast and Festival - \$350.00
Enrichment Committee PACE parent group – 500.00

Total Approved Grant Amount for Hopedale Cultural council \$2500.00

The Town of Hopedale allocated \$4000.00 to the Cultural Council, which enabled the Cultural Council to organize the Wednesday night summer band concerts. There were eight performances in the series; refreshment concessions were offered by local organizations.

The Annual Day in the Park festival was held on Saturday September 24th, 2005 at the town park. Live music and entertainment, adult fine art show, craft booths and a one-mile road race for children, games and food concessions provided fun for all ages.

A scholarship of \$300 was awarded to a graduating Hopedale High School student class of 2006.

A pastel workshop was held on October 12, 2005 at the Hopedale Community House and sponsored by the Hopedale Cultural Council. Approximately 15 people from the surrounding area of Hopedale attended the session.

The Student Art was held December 3, 2006 in conjunction with the Holiday Festivities being held at the Hopedale Community House. Students from Hopedale and the surrounding area submitted their work to this juried event.

Theatre trip to see “Wicked” was held April 27, 2006. This trip was coordinated by the Hopedale Cultural Council and funded through the cost of the tickets and bus fee paid by those purchasing tickets.

Respectfully Submitted
Sally A. Decelles, LCC Secretary
September 22, 2006

Wilma Manning, Chairperson
Ellen Murphy, Treasurer
Joanne Andreotti, Virginia Larkin, Ann-Marie Lockwood, Ann Labrode, Kate Nolan,

Hopedale Fire Department

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Hopedale Fire Department hereby submits its Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. This report includes fire and emergency medical service (EMS) responses for calendar year 2005 as well as the activities of the fire prevention office for Fiscal Year 2006.

Emergency Responses

The fire department responded to 1,165 emergency calls during the year. This represents a 20% increase over 2004 with EMS responses increasing by 30% overall. The rate had been consistent for the three previous years, but now it has gone to the next level where we are providing near four emergency responses each day. The rate has more than doubled over the past eight years. An arson fire occurred at 4 Ben's Way on March 4, 2005 in which a \$380,000 dollar loss was realized. Through expert investigative work a confession was obtained and the case processed through the court system. There were three additional arson fires during the calendar year totaling another \$2,600 in damage. Three civilians suffered injuries from fire related incidents. For the third year in a row there were no civilian fire deaths. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries during the year, one at a motor vehicle accident and the other while performing a water rescue at Hopedale Pond.

Personnel

EMS Director Mark Bucchino left the department to join the Mendon Fire Department as a full-time firefighter. His expertise in handling the administrative details of a municipal based EMS system as well as the technical aspects of incident management will be sorely missed. Thomas Daige has assumed the EMS Directors role and will work to ensure that our EMS system maintains a Class A rating in terms of production and quality. Mr. Daige also is the Department's Training Instructor. He has excelled in this capacity and his bi-monthly training sessions are very popular, interactive, and informative. Live training exercises are regularly conducted at the burn building located at the Milford Department. David McMorrow has also excelled in his new role as Fire Inspector. David continues to receive certification level training in this special field as well as in his other capacity as our Cause and Origin Officer. Mr. McMorrow can already credit several successful outcomes in determining suspicious fires in town that just a few years ago may have gone unnoticed. Firefighters Richard Gleason and Les Fosburgh function as Department Maintenance and Equipment Officers respectively, and both have excelled in their capacity. We seemed to have reached a new level of cooperation between our local union and the department management. Paul Barry, as President of the Firefighters union, has brought a positive and constructive relationship to the table. During the past year Firefighter/EMT Patrick Evans transferred to the Milford Fire Department. Patrick started his career with us straight out of high school when he was a volunteer Student Intern. He quickly rose to the ranks to become a full-time Firefighter/EMT and he excelled in his duties. We wish

him well with his new community. The Call Fire Department has realized a sudden influence of qualified personnel to join the ranks, many from the confines of our town borders. The current staffing level of Call firefighters stands at twenty-one members including six who are volunteers within the Substitute Call Firefighter program. Substitute Firefighters are new members in training, preparing for appointment to the regular Call Fire Department. We also have benefited from the highly successful Student Intern Program that provides two to three high school students each year to spend an hour or so each day interning with the firefighters. This program has now produced nine Call or full-time firefighters from our force in just the past six years.

Emergency Responses

EMS responses: 830 (28% increase over calendar year 2004)
Fire responses: 335 (1% increase from calendar year 2004)
Total Responses 2006: 1,165 (20% increase from 2004)
Mutual Aid Responses: 65 Received from other communities
88 Given to other communities

Fire Prevention Office

Permits issued: 400 (347 in 2004)

Associated activities: 1,032 (812 in 2004)

>includes investigation of complaints, violations issued, fire drills conducted, fire alarm tests, building inspections, building plan reviews, fire safety classes, etc.

Fees Collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer FY2006

Fire Prevention Office: \$4,497.00 (\$3,686.00 in FY2005)

Hazardous Materials Incident Reimbursements: \$ 0 (\$0 in FY2005)

Fire Incident Reimbursement: \$358.15 (\$0 in FY2005)

Fire Alarm Service Fee Collected: \$4,500.00 (\$4,500 in FY2005)

Ambulance transportation receipts: \$187,078.10 (\$164,454.40 in FY2005)

Total Fees Turned Over to the Town: \$196,433.25 (\$172,640.40 in FY2005)

Expenses of the Ambulance Service FY2006

Ambulance Service ALS Expense and Billing Fee: \$10,940.92 (\$10,151.10 in FY2005)

Ambulance Service Expense FY2006: \$146,572.30 (includes \$19,193.94 cost of replacing 60kw generator and housing at fire station)

Total Ambulance Service Expense: \$157,513.22

Net Gain Ambulance Revenue: \$29,564.86

Federal Disaster Reimbursement: (flooding 10/2005): \$5,151.07

Grants Received:

Mass. Firefighter Safety & Equipment: not offered

Mass. Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE): \$2,000 for fire prevention supplies and overtime

Central Mass. Regional Planning Council: awarded \$7,000 mobile lighting plant

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (CEDAP): awarded jaws of life rescue tool \$21,000

Central Mass. E.M.S. Corp: \$800 in Chemical Incident Protective Equipment

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fire Act Grant: \$32,000 for a new SCBA filling station

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Local Emergency Preparedness: \$12,000

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Citizen's Corps: \$2,430.56 in emergency response equipment

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Citizens Emergency Response Team: not offered

Total Grant Awards FY2005: \$77,230.56

Total General Donations of Equipment and In-Kind Services: \$900

EMS Service

The EMS service provided 830 emergency ambulance responses during calendar year 2005. Advanced Life Support agencies providing paramedic service to our town included the Town of Mendon Fire Department, American Medical Response (AMR), Pathways, and Events Paramedic Service. Our EMS system continues to provide excellent service to the community with a response rate of one to three minutes. Hopedale EMS provides the services of a Type III Class 1 modular ambulance purchased in 2001 through the collection of ambulance fees. We believe that over-lapping emergency calls now justify the purchase of a second ambulance for the town. We hope this can be accomplished during FY2008. Increased transportations resulted in receipts of approximately \$24,000 over FY2005 and early indications for FY2007 are that this trend will continue. It is estimated that the ambulance service should continue to operate in the black for the next five years or so.

Goals of the Fire Department for the Coming Years

We have, for the time being, met our goal of recruiting qualified Call firefighters to serve on our department. We have also met our goal of replacing Ladder 1, the 1973 85 foot aerial apparatus. A 100 foot aerial ladder truck has been ordered from Pierce Manufacturing Corporation and it should be placed in service by June 2007. Through proper planning and utilization of the ambulance account we should be able to offset the cost of additional full-time personnel to meet

the demands upon our service. It is our goal to add a minimum of one full-time Firefighter/EMT or expand the position of Deputy Chief from vacant to full-time. We would also like to enhance our inspectional services by adding the ability for us to cite individuals and companies for fire prevention violations. This can be accomplished by the appointment of a Public Hearing Officer and the issuance of a ticket book to the Fire Inspector.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of all the members of the Hopedale Fire Department we would like to take this opportunity to thank the various Boards, Commissions, and other town departments that we have worked with over the past year. The positive relationship between all departments is a true asset to the community. Of course, we also wish to recognize and thank the citizens of Hopedale for their ongoing support and the financial backing of our Department. Because you continue to believe in us we are able to bring top-level emergency service to you and your loved ones.

Jay Appell maintains our active website at www.hopedalefire.com

Respectfully submitted,



Scott D. Garland
Fire Chief

Hopedale Fire Department Roster 2005-2006

Scott D. Garland, Fire Chief

(Vacant), Deputy Chief of Operations

Mark P. Bucchino, EMS Director*

Thomas M. Daige, EMS Director

Reverend Christopher Dodge, Chaplain

Jay Appell, Videographer

Permanent Firefighter/EMT's

Paul A. Barry
David J. McMorrow
Patrick W. Evans

Thomas M. Daige
Richard J. Gleason, Jr.
Leslie N. Fosburgh, Jr.

Call Firefighters

Vernon D. Gross, Captain/EMT

Engine Company #4

Daniel H. Lopez, Lieutenant/EMT
Mark Marcotte, Private
Rob Minichiello, Private

Engine Company #3

Harold V. Murphy, Private/EMT
Donald K. Mailing, Private/EMT*
Ryan T. Jenkins, Private/EMT
Michael Goncalves, Private
Mark P. Bucchino, Acting Lieutenant*
Joseph Avellino, Private

Ladder Company #1

Thomas Betschart, Firefighter/EMT
Michael Tarella, Firefighter/EMT
Michael Ciaramicoli, Private
Jason Ferris, Substitute Firefighter*
Patricia Diamond, Substitute Firefighter
Timothy Gomes, Substitute Firefighter

Mark Griffith, Substitute Firefighter
Michael Malnati, Substitute Firefighter
Nina Iacovelli, Substitute Firefighter
Teddy Wagner, Substitute Firefighter
Raymond Fitzgerald, Substitute Firefighter

*did not serve a full year

Apparatus Inventory of the Hopedale Fire Department

Engine 2: 2002 Emergency One 1,500 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 1,000 gallons of water and Class A and Class B foam units in very good condition

Engine 3: 1993 Pierce Freightliner 1,250 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 720 gallons of water and Class A foam unit in good condition

Engine 4: 1987 Maxim 1,000 gallon per minute pumping fire engine with 700 gallons of water, Class A foam, in good condition

Ladder 1: 1973 Maxim 85 foot aerial truck in fair condition, to be replaced in 2007

Rescue 1: 1994 E.J. Murphy Ford Super Duty light duty all-wheel drive rescue truck in fair condition

Tanker 1: 1975 General military surplus all-wheel drive tanker containing 1,200 gallons of water in fair condition

Tanker 2: 2006 Rosenbaur Freightliner 1,250 gallon per minute pumping engine with 3,000 gallons of water in very good condition

Ambulance 1: 2001 Wheeled Coach Ford E450 Type III modular ambulance in good condition

Brush 1: 2002 Fire One Ford F350 all-wheel drive forest firefighting pumping engine with Class A foam and 175 gallons of water in very good condition

Brush 2: 1978 Dodge 4X4 pick-up in fair condition

Car 1: 2000 Ford Expedition with Odyssey command console and thermal imaging receiver in good condition

Boat 1: 2002 Zodiac 10'2" rubber inflatable bottom boat with 9.9 Mercury motor in very good condition

All Hazards Unit: 2003 17' Limberger utility trailer in very good condition

Hopedale Historical Commission and Red Shop Committee

FY2006 Annual Report

The focus of the Historical Commission and the Red Shop Committee is the restoration of the “Little Red Shop”. In the early winter of 2006, the Request for Proposals went out to architectural firms to select an architect for the project. After interviewing several candidates, Chenot and Associates of Princeton, Massachusetts was selected. Since that initial step, developing a Scope of Work has been the primary task of the architects. Since this is an historic building and we had received an historical restoration grant from the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts Historical Commission will be overseeing the various phases of the project. After several reviews of the budget for the project and thorough examination of the project, the next phase will be going out to bid for the general contractor. The total cost for the project will not be definitely known until the bids come in from contractors.

In the meantime fundraising for the project has continued with the sale of T-Shirts for the “My Kind of Town” program during the summer and at the Day in the Park 2006.

Dan Malloy has been opening the Red Shop for visitors on Sunday afternoons during the warm weather. Several visitors have taken the opportunity to stop by and see the looms that are held in the building. Dan’s wealth of knowledge about the history of Hopedale has been invaluable in educating the visitors about what the Red Shop means to the town of Hopedale. Tours for school children are still offered when requested through the schools and from the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor.

“Footsteps In History”, a program developed by the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, requested that the Bancroft Memorial Library and the Red Shop be stops during the weekend of Columbus Day in 2005. Dan Malloy offered a walking tour beginning at the Library and proceeding to the Red Shop with stops along the way at the Adin Ballou Park.

Every year “Day in the Park” offers another opportunity to open the Red Shop and give historic information about Hopedale. Hayrides provided by Iron Shoe Carriage Services in Uxbridge, has become an annual event and very popular with the younger crowd. During the rides through the historic district of Hopedale, the riders are provided with a short history lesson and places of historic interest are identified.

The Historical Commission has been requested to submit the South Hopedale Cemetery to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The initial inquiries have been made and the next step will be to hire a consultant to write the nomination papers. Unfortunately, in the Spring of 2006, vandals caused substantial damage to several of the old tombstones in the South Hopedale Cemetery. These headstones mark the final resting place for many of the earliest settlers of Mendon, Milford and Hopedale.

“Digital Treasures” is a website developed by the CWMars Library Network as a means to display some of the historic photos of town throughout central and western Massachusetts. The Bancroft Memorial Library collection was reviewed and Library Director Merrily Sparling and Dan Malloy chose the twenty pictures that would be digitized and displayed on the web site. There are several ways to access the Digital

Treasures web site. Access is through the town website http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Library and click on Digital Treasures or via Dan Malloy's web site "<http://www.geocities.com/daninhopedale/>". Once on the Digital Treasures web site, select "Hopedale" to view the early photos of Draper Corporation. Dan's website also provides many, many stories of Hopedale that he has accumulated in his research and conversations with long time residents. He is always adding something new to the web site so it worth "surfing the net" to see what's new on Dan's web site.

Dan Malloy, it is quite evident from the multitude of times his name is mentioned in this report, has developed a significant reputation for his knowledge of Hopedale history and his ongoing involvement in the activities of the Historical Commission. His knowledge and character were uniquely displayed on last summer's, short-lived, TV program "My Kind of Town". Dan's skit as "Mr. Hopedale" was what everyone refers to as the "best part of the program".

The Historical Commission and the Red Shop Committee are fortunate to have such loyal and hard working members as the Malloys' involved with their projects. In the Spring of 2006, the Malloys were duly recognized for their efforts when they received the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor Award for 2006 for their work in Hopedale. Many thanks go to the members of the commission and the Red Shop committee for their continued efforts to bring history alive to the citizens of Hopedale. Additionally, the Friends of Historic Hopedale deserve many thanks for their efforts to raise funds and assist the Historical Commission and the Red Shop Committee is fulfilling the goal of the Red Shop restoration.

Respectfully submitted,
Merrily Sparling, Chair
Frederick Oldfield III, Secretary
Alan Ryan
Theresa Ryan
Elaine Malloy
Daniel Malloy
Robert "Zeke" Hammond
William B. Gannett
Robert Brown

Hopedale Town Cemetery Report for year 2006

We are pleased to report that Town workers repaired the granite post and re-installed the steel rails at the left front wall of the cemetery.

Unfortunately an act of vandalism occurred at the cemetery this summer with a half dozen headstones being toppled and broken. The good news is that the culprit was apprehended and held accountable. The repairs were made by Ackerman Monument Company who did an excellent job considering the amount of damage that was inflicted.

Several old tree stumps and protruding stones were removed from inside the rear wall of the cemetery by the care taker to facilitate mowing and to further beautify the cemetery.

The project to acquire entrance gates for the cemetery is on going in hopes that funds become available. We also hope to have a water tap installed inside the main entrance now that a water main has been installed on Plain Street.

We continue to direct our efforts to have the Hopedale Town Cemetery recognized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission for acceptance on the National Historic Register.

We wish to note that contrary to popular belief there are several prime cemetery plots available for sale. Interested parties should contact Mr. Eugene Phillips, Hopedale Town Coordinator or Mr. George Bushnell, Cemetery Custodian.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta F. Simmons, Chairperson



HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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REPORT FOR THE HOPEDALE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 2006

The annual meeting of the Authority was held on July 10, 2006; the following were elected or appointed to office:

Karen Villani	Chairman
Paula Malloy	Vice Chairman
Ellen Murphy	Treasurer
Louis Trevani	Asst. Treasurer
*Edith Francis	Asst. Secretary
Katherine E. Consigli	Executive Director and Secretary
*State Appointee	

The Housing for Elderly, Project 667-1 and 667-2, known as Griffin-Dennett Apartments, consist of eighty apartments and is managed according to the regulations set forth by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Authority meets on the second Monday of each month and the annual meeting is usually held on the second, Monday in May. The Authority held nine regular meetings to date.

The Authority, installed a new granite post sign and added lights to enhance the new sign, The authority is in the designing stages of building a garage to house its truck and maintenance equipment, In the Spring the Authority will be repaving the back parking lot in the Griffin section and also will be replacing the worn decks on the Griffin Apartments. The replacement of hallway floors in the Dennett buildings has been completed and new exterior lamps have been replaced on the light posts. The property is continual maintained and upgraded, throughout the year to insure a safe and healthy environment for all of its tenants.

A new Plaque hangs in the Edward J. Malloy Recreation Hall listing all present and prior Board Members and Executive Directors who have served on the Hopedale Housing Authority, since 1960. There is a current waiting list and local residents are given preference according to regulations.

Respectfully Submitted
Katherine E. Consigli
Executive Director

**Bancroft Memorial Library
Annual Report of the Library Trustees
FY2006**

Usual Annual Reports of the Library provide circulation figures and patron usage to let everyone know just how busy the library is and how much usage the Library gets. However, since it's the taxpayers who really want to know what the library means to them, this year at the Annual Town Meeting our Director, Merrily Sparling circulated a report that illustrates how much a family of four could realize in savings by utilizing the library materials and services.

Rather than renting videos or DVD's at the local Blockbuster, buying books at the local Barnes & Noble bookstore, paying for admission to a movie theatre or full price at a museum, your local library is one of the best places in town to save significant dollars. If a family of four with two children regularly uses the library the savings can be many thousands of dollars each year.

The following chart illustrates how that amount is calculated.

Items	Books	Book on Tape /CD	Music	Video/DVD	Passes	Programs
Adults 2 in family	3 per month	1 per month	4 per month	4 rentals per month	2 per month	1 per month
Cost X 2	\$25	\$50	\$15	\$4	\$20	\$8.50
Savings per Month	= \$150	= \$100	= \$180	= \$32	= \$40	= 17.00
Savings per Year	= \$1800	= \$1200	= \$2160	= \$384	= \$480	= \$204
Grand Total	\$6228 per year for 2 Adults					
	Books	Book on Tape/CD	Music	Video/DVD	Pass Program	Story Hours/Programs
Children 2 in family	8 each per month	1 each per month	1 each per month	8 each per month	2 per month (free with family pass)	1 each per week/4 per month (compare with tutor costs)
Cost X 2	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$15	\$4	\$6.00	\$10
Savings per Month	\$240	\$40	\$30	\$64	\$24.00	\$80
Savings per year	\$2880	\$480	\$360	\$768	\$288	960

Since many residents do not use the library for all our services, there are still significant savings for using only a part of what the library offers. How many subscriptions do you subscribe to each year? How fast is your computer for checking your email or going online to make plane reservations? Do you receive all the local and state newspapers daily? These are only a few of the additional ways to use the library and save money.

There are still many individuals who like to purchase their own books and the library can accommodate them as well. The folks that like to buy books or receive books as gifts end up donating them to the Friends when they run out of storage space. The Friends Annual (soon to be Semi-Annual) Book Sale is one of the best ways to pick up “Very Gently Used” books at bargain prices. To get to the “bottom line” as the expression goes, the Library, your local library, is one of the best bargains in town. If you’d like to figure out just how much the library saves your family, check out the library website at www.hopedale-ma.us/library and complete your own calculation sheet.

The web site will also give you some suggestions about activities happening at the library including information about the Town Wide book discussion that began in October 2005. The book chosen was “Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time” by Mark Haddon. Several events were held in conjunction with this grant funded program. They included Book Discussions – in library and in homes; a Mystery Dinner held at the Town Common Restaurant; “Star Pets” pet parade; a Movie Night and Star Gazing at the Pond during the summer months.

The library also participated in several other grant funded programs during the year including a Preservation Assistance Grant which focused on a survey of the Library Building and Collections. A Pilot Project called “Digital Treasures” was offered by the CWMars library network and allowed the library to digitize twenty photos of early Hopedale on the Digital Treasures website. These can be viewed by logging onto the town website and clicking on Bancroft Memorial Library – Digital Treasures.

The Children’s Room provides many story hours and programs for children of all ages throughout the year. The Summer Reading program is well attended every year and this year, books from the Hopedale Public Schools were brought to the Bancroft Memorial Library so students could complete their summer reading assignments by easily borrowing the books at the public library. The continue cooperation with the Hopedale schools has developed a very collegial relationship between the school librarians and the public librarians. The students can be assured that all the librarians are familiar with school assignments and that we are all providing necessary materials to complete homework projects.

The report cannot be completed with a sincere thank you to all the volunteers who help make the library function as well as it does. Thanks to our “Friends” who raise many dollars to provide programs for adults and children throughout the year as well as fund several passes to museums. Our Senior Tax Program provides much needed help with keeping our materials in order as well as special projects involving our local history collection. In addition our Honor Society Students have been a great help to the Friends in preparing for the book sales in the Spring.

Many thanks to the staff who work so competently to keep the library running smoothly. The front line staff are the heart of the library and do a wonderful job at making sure that our patrons needs are fulfilled.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine M. Wright, Chair of Library Trustees
Frederick G. Oldfield III
Nancy Verdolino



1899 *Hopedale Park Commission* 2006

"Preserving the Legacy" Rick Espanet, Chairman / Susan Kincaid / Rich Breese **"Embracing the Future"**
Park Superintendent: Mark Sesona

Elected Stewards for: Hopedale Pond & Parklands, Town Park, Mellen Field, Adin Ballou Park, Adin Street Triangle
Member: Massachusetts Park & Recreation Association

Meetings: First Thursday of each Month, 6:30 PM, Town Hall, Draper Room

HDTV Broadcast live on Cable Channel 8

On-line office: <http://www.hopedale-ma.gov>

107th Year, 95th Annual Town Report

October 2005 – October 2006

The Commission continues to maximize budgeted Town funds and usage/maintenance fees to improve, maintain, and protect our parks, playfields and open spaces for the greater good and enjoyment of the community. We addressed several controversial issues this year; and will continue to do so in a balanced, accessible, manner that maintains accountability to the taxpayer.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Spring Election:** Meg McElroy resigned in early spring to focus on Conservation Commission duties. Rich Breese was appointed to fill the remainder of her term, and was elected to a full three year term in May. Board duties remained unchanged with Susan Kincaid (exp. 2008) Secretary and Rick Espanet (exp. 2007) Chairman and Treasurer.
- **Board discontinues role at Draper Field.** The Board unanimously voted to rescind a 2002 order by the Selectmen – made at the behest of Draper Field landowner Phil Shwachman – which positioned us as Town overseer for activities on this privately owned land. In Nov 2005 we agreed it was inappropriate for an elected Board to serve as de facto property manager for a private landowner, and voted unanimously to transition responsibility over to the principal, users of this property – the School Dept. and the independent Youth Baseball organization – necessitating each to deal with the landowner directly. The Park Dept. will re-assume this responsibility should the Town acquire all or part of the Draper Field parcel for open space/recreational use in the future.
- **Park Dept. adds Kubota commercial-grade mower with hydraulic bagger.** This will supplement the existing John Deere machine we share with the Highway Dept. The extremely poor reliability of the Deere unit over the past 3 years necessitated this purchase.
- **Independent youth sports league fees revisited.** Following lengthy usage fee negotiations with the youth softball league, the Commission committed to review and standardize our fee structure towards independent, autonomous, in-town, youth sports leagues that charge residents arbitrary fees to participate in programs conducted on Town property. Our goal is to insure these groups contribute a fair and reasonable percentage of collected fees back to the Town as compensation for exclusive field use and maintenance/support services provided. Using data collected in a 2006 statewide MPRA (Mass. Park and Recreation Association) survey, in October we reviewed how our fee process compared with similar-sized towns with independently-run leagues. Ultimately, this effort will enable us to enact a consistent, multi-year, headcount-based fee schedule in 2007. Here's the breakdown of usage/mx fees collected in 2006:
 - **Independent Youth Baseball: \$1200** ('06 usage and field-prep / mx \$0 increase) Approx 75 games/practices at Town Park for spring/summer Babe Ruth and J's Sr. Ruth programs).

- **Independent Youth Softball: \$1200** ('06 usage fee, incremental \$500 increase over 2005) (usage fee for approx 175 games/practices on Fields 1 & 2 at Mellen Field for spring in-town & summer travel programs).
 - **Ind. Milford/Hopedale Youth Soccer \$2500** (Usage fee and field maintenance – 2nd three-year agreement up for review/renewal in 2007).
 - **School Department: \$3000** (Budget line-item transfer to cover Town Park & Mellen Field mx and field prep. \$0 increase); In lieu of a fee increase, HHS agreed to provide a series of low-cost, single-day, summer sports clinics (baseball, basketball, soccer, field hockey) run by varsity coaches. As these clinics were conducted by school personnel, out-of-town school-choice kids were allowed to participate.
- **Action taken on Canada Geese overpopulation:** Geese droppings fouled the Town beach area to the point where usage was impacted, causing the Board of Health to raise concerns about health impacts to residents. At no cost to the town, and with nearly unanimous positive feedback from residents, the Commission authorized a controlled Canada Geese hunt in the Parklands - extending from the Rustic Bridge south several hundred yards. Five hunters from R.I. who specialized in reducing Canada Geese populations for municipalities and private interests were granted controlled access to the Parklands to help us reduce, by-half, the existing the flock of 100+ birds. The program adheres to state and federal hunting seasons and guidelines, and will continue into 2007 - and beyond if necessary. An open forum was held in October to give residents a chance to provide feedback. At that time a handful of hunting detractors, led by residents Beverly and Walter Swift, agreed to form a volunteer egg addling committee. With support and funding from the MSPCA, this group will locate and oil goose eggs causing them not to hatch. Over a period of 3-4 years, addling will help us control the geese population and allow us to phase out hunting; but in the meantime, the Board remains steadfast in its belief that utilizing both solutions is the best way help us swiftly address the problem and reclaim the beach and shoreline of Hopedale Pond for human recreational enjoyment. (12 geese had been culled from the flock through Oct.).

TOWN POND/PARKLANDS

- **Picnic Tables and paved car-top boat launch added at the Town Beach:** Record spring rainfalls heavily eroded the newly-installed bluestone boat launch area, so with Conservation Commission approval, both the ramp and bath house driveway were paved. We were able to cut costs by using a paving company already in-town to work on the Bancroft Park road project. A 20' fiberglass flag pole was added to the ramp area and the informational kiosk was relocated here as well. The road gate was moved back towards the bath house and three handicap-accessible picnic tables donated by Dave Normandin of Braun's Express, Jack Farrar, and Donald & Ellen Bishop were added. The area was heavily utilized throughout the summer until excessive Canada goose droppings from a summer flock of 100+ became an uncontrollable nuisance and health concern.
- **Summer kayak rentals added at Bath House:** The Board worked out a trial agreement with Still River Outfitters of Windsor, VT to offer canoe and kayak rentals at the Town Beach every Thursday from June through September. Despite poor early-season weather, rentals and an extensive program of lessons and paddling excursions were well-received by the community. Still River plans to expand operations to 3-4 days pr/week in 2007. For details visit: <http://www.stillriveroutfitters.com/SROHopedale.html>
- **Road trimming / Lookout area access improved.** Sharing contracted resources with the Highway Dept., roadside brush was trimmed along the east & west side of the Parklands road. We were also able to clear the road to the "Lookout" area off of Overdale Parkway, making it easily accessible to Town vehicles for the first time in years.
- **Former Boy Scout camping area to be reclaimed.** The Board offered use of the "Lookout" area to Hopedale Troop 1. The scouts used & cared for this area back in the 60's and 70's, and we look forward to working with the kids & leaders to restore this area for troop use.
- **Old entrance signs removed.** We replaced the hodgepodge of signs at each Parklands entrance with single, large, signs listing all guidelines and regulations.
- **Poor Winter skating conditions:** Due to fickle winter weather the lights at Town Pond were only turned on for a total of 4 nights this past season for night skating. In April a number of damaged lights and wires were replaced around the lower pond. Residents are reminded

that skating on the pond at any time can be dangerous, and doing so is always at their own risk. Ice-out this year was Tuesday, March 14th.

MELLEN FIELD

- **Administrative ownership clarified.** In 1963 the Conservation Commission was founded as an offshoot of the Park Commission, and in 1964 the group began development of the South End Field complex – now known as Mellen Field. The facility is deeded conservation land that the Park Commission has overseen since its inception. Unfortunately, when Selectman questioned the scope of our authority during fee negotiations with the youth softball league, we were compelled to present the following options to the Conservation Commission: Either **A)** formally transfer the Mellen Field deed to Parks; **B)** immediately assume all Mellen Field administrative, fiscal and maintenance responsibilities from Parks; or **C)** formally assign autonomous oversight of the area to Parks. In an August letter the Con Com unanimously agreed to Option C, granting Parks “authority to control the administration, maintenance, and use of Mellen Field, while the land itself will remain conservation land versus Parkland.” We unanimously accepted this proposal which was notarized by the Town Clerk in November 2006.
- **Winter vandalism.** \$500 damage done to turf at Mellen Field by an unwitting abutter driving a 4-wheeler over thin snow cover. Under our zero-tolerance vandalism policy, the issue was brought to court and charges were dropped after full restitution was made. The abutter cooperated fully, and damage was repaired in-time for spring sports activity to resume.
- **Propane storage violations:** Fire Chief Garland informed us that propane tanks used at Mellen Field by the youth softball league needed to be stored in an open, ventilated area – not inside a shed. Milford Propane donated two sturdy, secure, storage cages – we attached one to the outside of the concession shed, and the other was offered to the youth baseball league so they could remedy a similar propane storage issue at Draper Field.
- **Other softball league issues addressed.** Corrective measures were enacted following the league’s failure to clean-out the concession shed at the end of the 2005 season, and their cutting of town-provided locks on the building – which also houses irrigation controls for the facility. Concession clean-out was handled appropriately at the conclusion of the 2006 season, and 9 assigned, non-reproducible facility keys provided to league board members in the spring were returned to us (-1) in the fall.

TOWN PARK

- **Improvements:** At long-last the old 80’ Town Park centerfield flagpole was removed and replaced by a new 40’ fiberglass pole which was placed close to the bandstand to allow for night illumination. Permanent benches were added next to each tennis court, and the adjacent walkway was graded and resurfaced with stone dust. Safety repairs were made to Town Park iron railings along the high stone wall on Freedom and Northrup Streets.
- **Summer Crafts & Recreation Program:** Another successful program was conducted at the Town Park. Games and crafts were overseen by Molly Burt, Rachel Newman and Jen Jarvis. Barry Gorman’s popular June through August tennis program continued to grow with over 90 children and adults participating. Molly developed and conducted a one-week field hockey clinic for girls in grades 5-8, and a six-week conditioning program for girls in grades 9-12. As with all Park Dept. offerings, these programs were low-cost and filled to capacity. One item worth clarifying: Park-sponsored programs are funded by Hopedale taxpayers, and therefore are not open to out-of-town residents – including those school-choiced to Hopedale.
- **Events:** Though wet weather throughout the year forced rescheduling of many major Park events, the Summer Band Concert series remained a popular Wednesday evening attraction; and the annual Day in the Park and Bright Beginnings Vehicle Fun Fair were both successful.

BEYOND OUR SCOPE

- **Closing of Draper Field Gate.** In July 2006 the owner of the Draper Complex and the Draper Field ballfield area, locked and posted the gate at Draper Field. Questions regarding this should be directed to property owner Phil Shwachman at (508-798-8844).

- **Hopedale Pond Dredging Feasibility Study Grant.** This \$250,000 state grant was awarded to the Selectmen in September. Of primary interest to Parks is a maintenance provision from which we've asked the Selectmen to set aside \$50,000 to fund both our 2007 weed control program at Town Pond, as well as structural repairs to the Rustic Bridge. Specific questions on the awarding of this grant should be directed to the Board of Selectmen, or State Senator Richard Moore (www.senatormoore.com). For details regarding this grant visit: <http://www.senatormoore.com/news/archive/2006/09/090606-2.htm>

AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEES

- **HARFC** (Hopedale Athletic and Recreational Fields Committee)
http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/harfc
The Committee met infrequently in 2006. A by-product of our efforts to try & obtain the Draper Field parcel for recreational use has the State DEP working with Rockwell International to begin clean-up of the old Draper landfill. At the very least, the committee's efforts will go a long way to cleaning and capping the landfill - whether or not it translates into the Town being able to acquire this area is uncertain. The committee is now focusing on Lot 1A, a 13 acre parcel in the Harmony development, which is deeded to the Town for recreational purposes upon completion of the project.
- **OSP** (ad-hoc Open Space Planning Committee)
http://www.hopedale-ma.gov/Public_Documents/HopedaleMA_Parks/osp
A town forum to review the 2005 Open Space Survey was held in November 2005. The committee hopes to re-convene and present a completed plan and to the State in early 2007.

2007 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Standardize Field Usage/Services Fees with in-town youth leagues.
- Complete Open Space Plan and submit to State for approval.
- Full weed control project for Hopedale Pond– Rustic Bridge to Freedom St.
- Begin site analysis for Harmony Lot 1A development
- Expand kayak rentals & instruction at the bath house to 3-4 days a week
- Upgrade and improve electrical service at Town Park Bandstand
- Seek grants to help defray repair costs of Town Park stone wall (est. cost \$90-100K)
- Seek grants to defray costs for proposed Town Park playground surfacing (est. \$35K)
- Investigate dugout replacement at Town Park.
- Look into behind-goal netting at Mellen Field.
- Add summer lacrosse instruction.

KUDOS& SPECIAL THANKS

The work that the Commission & its limited staff are able to accomplish each year is aided by other Town Boards and the kindness of residents and friends in the business community including: Highway Dept.staff & foreman Bobby DePonte; Police Dept.; Town Hall office staff; Town Clerk Janet Jacarusso; Town Financiers Linda Catanzariti & Barbara Walls; Artie Maggiore; Water Dept.; Lenny Izzo; Eugene Phillips; Fire Chief Scott Garland; Milford Propane; Chet Francis - Varney Bros.; Dan Molloy; Dave Normandin - Braun Express, Jack Farrar, Don & Ellen Bishop; Nelson Clement – Brine Sporting Goods, Jerry Smith - Aquatic Control Technologies; David Cudmore - Still River Outfitters; Gooseanista - Choo Choo Love; Ed Thompson – WMRC;. We'd especially like to thank the residents of Hopedale for your continued trust and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Espanet
Park Commission Chairman
11, November 2006



Planning Board

74 Hopedale Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Annual Report for FY2006

Our regularly scheduled meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in the Draper Room, Town Hall. Craig Travers was elected Chairman with Howard Maurer as Vice Chairman. Howard was elected to serve as our representative to the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission.

Plain St. Industrial Park continues to grow with new business locating in this ideally accessible location thereby increasing the Town's tax revenue base. The growth is primarily new construction of office/warehouse buildings.

Special Town Meeting on December 13, 2005, approved an article submitted by the Board, amending the RA zoning requirements to increase lot size, frontage and building line. This was in response to input by residents to control the overdevelopment of neighborhoods in RA areas.

Harmony Estates will be finalizing their work, in conjunction with the Board of Road Commissioners, on all roadways located within the subdivision, in preparation for Town acceptance and to Parcel A which will be deeded to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Craig Travers, Chairman
Howard Maurer
Catherine Pisacane
Carol Whyte
Donna Hayres



POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Chief Of Police
Eugene P. Costanza

FISCAL 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of Hopedale, I hereby submit the Hopedale Police Department Annual Town Report.

Stats for this reporting year have varied. Overall calls for service decreased yet other categories increased. Our present manpower has done it's best to handle the influx of calls.

The "911" system must be manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Civilian Public Safety Dispatchers are hired to perform this and numerous other tasks. It is a constant challenge to maintain part time dispatchers to fill open shifts. Therefore the overtime funding for dispatch is a constant concern.

During the course of the year, we held several events such as, the 13th Annual Hopedale Police and Fireman's Ball, a Children I.D. Program, a bicycle safety day, bicycle helmet program, along with the Police Union sponsoring a little league team.

The police department continued its philosophy of Community Policing and maintained the Officer on Bicycle Patrol unit. As a result of many generous sponsors we were able to add an E.E.V to the vehicle fleet. This is an Energy Efficient Vehicle. It basically is a street legal golf cart. As a result of the Community Policing Grant offered by the state, we are able to have a Harley Davidson Police Motorcycle available for patrol. The residents have seen the officers on their bikes, motorcycle and Golf Cart at various public events such as, band concerts, road races, parades, and at times on routine patrol in the area of the park, park lands, center of town and neighborhoods. This type of policing has given us a better way to interact with the residents and children in town. Once again I received a lot of positive feedback from the residents regarding this program, especially in the area of the town park.

The police department applied for and received two grants during the year. We received one grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety for \$12,000.00 to continue our community-policing program. The second was for \$1,500.00 from the State Police, (Byrne Grant) to assist us in performing drug investigations.

The Federal Grant supporting a police officer to be assigned specifically to the schools expired in January of 2005. However Officer Gagnon will continue to be our School Resource Officer. He will continue to work hand and hand with school personnel on a daily basis. To date the program has continued to be a huge success.

We continue to loose trained, loyal, and dedicated officers to other towns. Seems soon after we train them they leave here to go to other departments that pay much more than Hopedale. We have lost 15 officers over the past five years due to the low pay scale. We must increase our police officers pay scale to stay competitive with other towns or we will continually be short staffed due to officers leaving. This past year we lost two officers to other towns. We hired Ricardo Lima and Steve Mahan to replace them. Both of these new hires had to attend the full time police academy at a cost of \$7,000.00 each.

I want to thank the residents, Town Boards and Departments for their support and assistance. I look forward to working in unison with all parties during my tenure as Chief of Police. I especially want to extend my thanks to the members of the Hopedale Police Department. These men and women are a dedicated, sincere, and a loyal group of individuals whom have shown their support for me and always give 110%.

My intent was, and will always be, to maintain the demeanor of the Hopedale Police Department personnel in order to continue being a people's police department. As Chief of Police, I feel we have achieved this goal, along with maintaining our professional image, and always remembering we are here to protect, to serve, and to interact with the public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eugene P. Costanza Jr.
Chief of Police

HOPEDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FISCAL 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

<u>TRAFFIC ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>INCREASE / DECREASE</u>		
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Responded Too	95	91			-4.21%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Citations Issued	1525	1351			-11.41%
Total Number Of Parking Tickets Issued	198	164			-17.17%
Total Number Of Vehicles Towed	137	178		23.03%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Lockouts	46	28			-39.13%
Total Number Of Abandoned Vehicles	3	0			-100.00%
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Thefts	1	6		83.33%	
Total Number Of Motor Vehicle Violations Stops	1622	1696		4.36%	

<u>CRIMINAL ACTIVITY</u>					
Total Number Of Alarm Calls	266	225			-15.41%
Total Number Of Annoying Phone Calls	11	12		8.33%	
Total Number Of Burglary / Breaking & Entering	17	13			-23.53%
Total Number Of Summons Served / Delivered	48	66		27.27%	
Total Number Of Vandalism Calls	40	34			-15.00%
Total Number Of Missing Persons / Runaway / Juvenile	10	16		37.50%	
Total Number Of Property Checks Made	415	495		16.16%	
Total Number Of 911 Calls	176	126			-39.68%
Total Number Of Disturbance / Fight Calls	88	103		14.56%	
Total Number Of Animal Complaint Calls	157	157		0.00%	
Total Number Of Arrest	183	216			15.28%
Total Number Of Felony Investigative Cases	216	141			-53.19%
Total Number Of Misdemeanor Investigative Cases	408	345			-18.26%
Total Number Of Field Interviews	269	185			-45.41%

<u>ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL</u>					
Total Number Of Hours School resource Officer	180	230		21.74%	
Total Number Of Hours On Community Service / Public Talks	306	243			-20.59%
Total Number Of Preventative Patrol Hours	5,722	5,914		3.25%	
Total Number Of Selective Enforcement Hours	231	393		41.22%	
Total Number Of Request For Mutual Aid	255	230			-10.87%
Total Number Of Training Hours	1,800	1,650			-9.09%
Total Number Of Court Appearances	255	258		1.16%	
Total Number Of Administrative Investigations	397	253			-56.92%
Total Number Of Calls For Service	38,723	34,723		-11.52%	



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Board of Registrars

Joseph Drugan
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Dorothy Milanoski, Chair

Janet Orff Jacaruso,
Clerk

June 30, 2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

The Board of Registrars is pleased to submit this report of activity for fiscal year 2006. The Board of Selectmen reappointed Dorothy Milanoski for a three-year term to expire in 2009.

Special Town Meetings were held on November 8, 2005, December 13, 2005, and June 20, 2006. The Annual Town Meeting was opened on May 16, 2006 and was continued to June 20, 2006.

The Annual Town Election took place on May 9, 2006. Due to a lack of contested races, only one hundred fifty eight voters turned out to cast their ballots. "Thank you" to the poll workers who endured an extremely long day due to the lack of activity. The Board hopes for a better turnout next year.

The Board is also concerned with Town Meeting attendance. The meeting, once started, is usually shorter than the waiting period needed to reach the quorum. A minimum of fifty registered voters is required to conduct the business of the Town. We encourage all registered voters to attend as many meetings as possible. Your participation is sought and valued.

Respectfully submitted on the Board's behalf,

Janet Orff Jacaruso
Registrars' Clerk



Board of Road Commissioners

7 Depot Street
Hopedale, MA 01747

Annual Report FY2006

The Board of Road Commissioners meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Highway Department Office located at 7 Depot St. The officers for the year were: John Farrar, Chairman, Joseph Sweet, Inspector and Eli Potty, Clerk.

The years roadway construction projects centered mostly in the Bancroft Park section of town. We did 1800' x 6' of the outer circle sidewalk and 1800' x 27' of roadway in Bancroft Park proper. Additionally, Hope St. sidewalk amounted to 870' x 6' and reconstructed roadway there totaled 490' x 25'. Cemetery St. had 920' x 5' of sidewalk reconstruction and 870' x 24' of roadway. This was completed after the Water/Sewer Dept. finished their project there.

We were able to refurbish the '95 sidewalk trackless in-house, at a great savings, which will be serviceable for the coming winter. Our department acquired a new 2006 1 ton Ford pick-up with a 9' plow through town meeting appropriated funds.

We continue to be part of the Framingham Co-op which provides the salt bid and construction/road materials; and the rental equipment continues to be part of the Bellingham/Blackstone/Hopedale Co-op which operates under the direction of the Bellingham DPW. This is a combined effort to help reduce cost.

Our fall curbside leaf pick-up program, along our roadways, continued with 2 leaf pick-up machines this year. And we also continued to support the Park Dept. with manpower and equipment, servicing the various town owned parks.

Our thanks go to the General Office staff for their continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

John Farrar, Chairman
Joseph Sweet
Eli Potty



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HOPEDALE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

<i>Justine Tonelli, Chair</i>	<i>Term Expires 2007</i>
<i>Susan Palmer-Howes, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Term Expires 2008</i>
<i>Richard Martin</i>	<i>Term Expires 2007</i>
<i>Elizabeth Lerner</i>	<i>Term Expires 2009</i>
<i>Lori Hampsch</i>	<i>Term Expires 2009</i>

One Hundred Twentieth Commencement of Hopedale High School June 3, 2006

Adrienne Melissa Beaudoin
Tara Kathleen Bent
Bradley Robert Booth
Tabitha Jean Brennan
Kaela Elizabeth Bresciani
Jeffrey Robert Brown
Alexander Michael Bullers
Robert Cappuziello
Michael Aaron Carbury*
Christopher David Care
Mark Anthony Castiglione
Matthew Allan Champagne
Amanda Ann Clayton
Christopher John Corona*
Heather Nicole Costigan
John Vincent Cutter
Ashley Marie Deloia
Joseph Bernard Desilets*
Courtney Rose Farrell
Todd Condrin Fletcher
Jacob Benjamin Francer
Cassandra Leoda Frappier
Craig Ryan Gannon
Marissa Leigh Garafano*
Kayla Nicole Green*
Thomas James Hagedorn*
Jennifer Dawn Hammond
Laura Ann Hanley*
Vanessa Jody Ingraham
Stephanie Michele Jarvis
Andrew Paul Jones
Amy Lauren Kelleher
Alana Catherine Kelley
Megan Marie Kelly
Joshua Michael Knipe*

*David William Knowlton
Stephanie Acha Leke*
Alexandra Ethel LeMarbre*
Matthew Thomas Lemon
Gavin Francis MacDonald
Shannon Rae MacEwen
Donald Alan MacKay
Brian Taylor Madden
Michael Murphy Malnati
Morgan Lindsey Mason*
Michael John McNally
Carly Anne Moniz
Erin Sheigh Moynihan
Thompson Stewart Ogilvie*
Ashley Patricia Palmer*
Jonathan David Pantano*
Kristen Anne Paula
Nicholas John Pearl
Meghan Grace Peters
Samantha Elizabeth Polikowski
Arthur Joseph Posch*
Kourtney Ruth Powers
Janan Samia Rahman
Janeen Sadia Rahman
Emily Diana Šaras*
Jeffrey Tyler Short
Cole Evan Spear
Sean Albert Stevens
Jessica Leigh Thompson
Melissa Eileen Tuite
Daniel Stuart Villani
Frank Charles Washburn*
Britney Taylor Wilkinson
Kevin David Winroth
Joshua Hart Wood*

** National Honor Society*

The Hopedale School Committee hereby approves this and the attached Report of the Superintendent of Schools as the Annual Report of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Justine Tonelli, Chair
Hopedale School Committee*



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

The primary mission of the Hopedale Public Schools is to develop the intellectual potential of each student. We believe that every child can learn successfully. We are committed to developing a range of learning experiences and environments that will ensure this success. We want our young people to be happy and to be well prepared to meet their own needs and the needs of others as responsible members of society.

In addition to maintaining safe schools and learning environments, we have made strategic decisions to advance our mission and respond to unique challenges during the 2005-2006 school year. Here are the highlights:

COST SAVINGS MEASURES

- Contract Negotiations –

The School Committee successfully and responsibly negotiated all major employee contracts and reduced the Town's share of Health Insurance cost from 80% to 75% per health benefit, for a projected savings of approximately \$80,000.

- Joint Purchasing –

Our School Business Personnel researched opportunities, then joined the TEC collaborative to maximize our purchasing power for basic commodities: electricity, paper, food products. We were able to invite the Town into the energy bid as well, such that dollars for FY07 will stretch further.

- Discounted Goods and Services –

Our Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology worked collaboratively with regional Professional Development organizations to buy course work and partial memberships at a discounted rate. He also worked with Technology vendors to get prices better than the state bid list.

- Energy Efficiencies –

Our Building and Grounds Supervisor worked with National Grid to make a series of energy efficient modifications, and invited the Community House to follow suit with the Draper Gym. We'll begin to see budget savings in FY07.

INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES

- Peak Intellectual Experiences –

Two highly successful Peak Intellectual Experiences were launched. The Grade 9 Science Research Project and Poster session engaged 81 ninth graders and involved 27 mentor scientists from Hopedale and surrounding communities. The Grade 11 Speech Event, based in U.S. History, included 100% of our Junior Class, as well as distinguished review panels representing Hopedale's finest citizens and friends. These experiences demonstrate significant research and presentation skills, plus an exhibition with formal feedback from outside "judges."

• Student Internships –

A revitalized Independent Learning Program, accompanied by a frozen (non-rotating) high school schedule enabled 23 seniors to participate in business/career exploration internships. Our goal is to build this program to 100% participation over the next five years.

• Parents as Partners Program –

Thanks to a \$30,000 Pre K-Grade 3 Mental Health grant and the continued efforts of the Jr.-Sr. High Guidance Department, the School Department sponsored vital parent education evenings on the following topics:

- Behavioral Strategies for Toddlers and Preschoolers
- How to Prepare for a Parent/Teacher Conference
- Gender Issues for Parents
- Surviving Homework
- Living with an Adolescent Child
- Basics of Sex Education (Gr. 5 and Gr. 8)
- Financial Planning for College

Now that excellent presentations have been developed, they will be offered annually.

• Inclusion Teaching for Students with Learning Disabilities –

Rather than continuing the disruptive practice of pulling students out of their classes for extra help, we are working on models to “push in” help. At Grades pre K, K, 1, 2, and 6, Special Education teachers now work within the classroom, in partnership with the classroom teacher. At the high school, Special Educators have specialized, by department, and work with students primarily in these content classrooms. The idea is to improve student learning for all, as a result of this model, and to address the students’ individual learning needs in specific content areas.

• Technology Initiative –

A three year plan to replace obsolete and failing technology, and then establish a sustainable purchasing level was proposed and accepted by the School Committee. The Finance Committee and Town Meeting supported funding for the first lease/purchase portion of this plan in the FY07 operating budget.

• Social Studies Task Force –

This group of teachers and administrators reviewed existing programs against state and national standards and recommended a revised curriculum sequence. Details are available on the School Department’s website at www.hopedale.k12.ma.us.

As I complete my second year as Superintendent of Schools, I want to thank the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Coordinator, Department Heads, and the Hopedale community for their help and support of our public schools. It is my great privilege to work with a fine group of colleagues, and with them, to serve Hopedale students and their families.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia C. Ruane Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools



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Board of Selectmen

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Michael E. Collins
Louis J. Arcudi III

Town Coordinator

Eugene N. Phillips

The Hopedale Board of Selectmen spent much of fiscal year 2006 looking toward the future of our community and continuing in our efforts to build stronger ties with other boards, committees and town departments.

Spurred on by constituents dissatisfied with the overdevelopment of this historic town, our board led the charge to revamp zoning regulations that allowed for high density in the Dutcher Street area. Developers and land attorneys had taken advantage of the zoning in that part of town and carved up several lots for their own benefit. The new structures in that area alone – including those they scrambled to grandfather in prior to the passage of the zoning change – have or will add about a dozen households to Hopedale, further straining town services like water and sewer and burdening our school system with potentially dozens more students. Our board asked members of the Planning Board to support our efforts; they agreed and eventually sponsored the zoning change at Special Town Meeting where it was passed resoundingly and unanimously by a large audience. We have asked the Planning Board to look at other vulnerable areas in town and propose zoning changes where they make sense.

The Selectmen were pleased that the Hopedale Fire Station renovation project was completed in FY2006. Fire Chief Scott Garland and his team of full-time professional and part-time call firefighters hosted a well-attended and well-planned rededication ceremony so townspeople and visiting dignitaries could view the updated building and its new addition.

Voters approved a motion at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting that allowed the Board of Selectmen to move forward in purchasing an important parcel of property located adjacent to the Hopedale High School. While there are no immediate plans for how this property will be used, our board felt it was critical to obtain scarce downtown land for the future. The land purchase was finalized early in FY2007.

Funding for the downtown parcel was a critical issue as well. During FY2006, the selectmen were approached by a site management company seeking to purchase from the town management rights to the cellular leases on our cell tower located off Steel Road. The company plans to continue leasing out the cellular sites, and has agreed to pay us up-front about 10 years worth of anticipated lease revenues. The deal, finalized early in FY07, retains the town's rights to the property but gives us monies that will offset the purchase price for the downtown parcel. The decision to approve the deal was made after months of careful consideration, requests for proposals, and the assistance of the Finance Committee.

During the course of the year, we successfully negotiated and signed contracts with the Laborers and Clerical Union, Police Union and the Fire Fighters Union. A key negotiation issue was moving the insurance funding from 80 percent town-funded and 20 percent worker-funded to a 70/30 split, saving thousands of dollars each year in an expense line that continues to grow astronomically. To further save on insurance costs, we opted to try a self-funded insurance program which, statistically, should allow for savings that grow each year.

Over the course of the year, we welcomed several new businesses into Hopedale as many buildings in the new Plain Street industrial park were completed.

FY2006 also saw the ramp-up of the Draper Reuse Committee. This committee, which began with 10 strong members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, has been meeting bi-monthly to examine all options for the vacant Draper complex in downtown Hopedale. They have generated a preliminary report of their findings, and worked closely with State Rep. Marie Parente, State Senator Richard Moore, a representative from Congressman Neil's office, and Phil Shwachman, the owner of the property. Selectman Chairman Alan Ryan participated as the Board of Selectmen representative for FY2006.

Fiscal 2006 was also a time of change for other appointed boards in town:

- Following the resignations of the two remaining, seasoned, dedicated but overworked members of the Conservation Commission, we sought out new members and appointed a committee led by Meg McElroy. We thank former Chairperson Jennifer Carlino and long-time member Curtis Clark for their contributions to this board over many years.
- The BOS asked the chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals Thomas Haynes to step down as he was no longer a resident of Hopedale. We are grateful for his dedication over his many years chairing that board. Longtime ZBA member Steve Gallagher stepped into the Chairman’s role and additional members were appointed as needed. The ZBA’s role is very important in helping to thwart overzealous developers seeking variances to build more homes, and in dealing with the complexities of the state’s 40B affordable housing guidelines. Currently there is one 40B project ongoing in the Plain Street area and another planned for the southern end of Hopedale Street.

The Selectmen would like to extend their gratitude to Gene Phillips for his hard work as Town Coordinator, Artie Maggiore who films each of our meetings, members of the Finance Committee for the many hours they devote to balancing the budget, and all of the dedicated managers, employees, educators and public safety officials who keep our town and schools running and safe on a daily basis.

The Board of Selectmen meets the first and third Monday of each month in the Draper Room at Town Hall; meetings are broadcast on cable Channel 8. We welcome citizen input, but ask that those with specific issues for our consideration contact Town Coordinator Gene Phillips at 508-634-2203, ext. 213 for placement on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

Alan J. Ryan, Chairman
Michael Collins
Louis Arcudi

ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

September, 2006

The past fiscal year was an active year in which Town Counsel rendered numerous legal opinions, approved contracts and guided transactions, met with the Board of Selectmen and various other boards, and handled a number of lawsuits on the Town's behalf.

Town Counsel continues to represent the Town in various ongoing litigation matters in state superior court, land court, state district court and before various administrative boards. There are presently ten pending litigation matters involving the Town, ranging from land use disputes to various labor grievances and including one personal injury claim.

This year we have advised the Town on various leases, land dispositions and contracts. We have reviewed a lease of a portion of Town Hall and an agreement for purchase of a fire truck. We have reviewed and commented upon contracts for health insurance evaluation and for waste disposal. We have advised and assisted with a request for proposals to lease cell tower leases. We have assisted the Town to acquire property for the purpose of reconstructing the Mill Street Bridge, drafted procurement documents and a purchase and sales agreement for the acquisition of property by the Town, and assisted the Town to convey a small parcel of surplus property. We have provided opinion letters regarding a program room use policy for extended library hours, on fees for police details and regarding various licensing issues. We have also reviewed and advised as to a basic life support affiliation agreement with a local hospital, provided

guidance on various labor matters and have drafted Town Meeting warrant articles requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Town Counsel has continued to take a pro-active approach to controlling costs by providing numerous memoranda on various areas of municipal law at no charge to the community. For example, we have provided guidelines for enforcement of state building and fire code violations and development of policies for use of computers and electronic communications. We have outlined recent court decisions governing municipal regulation of adult entertainment and legal issues involving holiday displays on public property. We have summarized laws governing death benefits for firefighters and other emergency service providers and health insurance for school employees. We have given advice as to avoiding constructive approvals of subdivision plans and zoning relief and have analyzed the impact of reauthorization of the U.S.A. Patriot Act on library operations. We have addressed new municipal finance rules for transfers of appropriations, procedural legislation for the conduct of municipal hearings, and developments in the area of municipal affordable housing.

As always, we strive to provide timely and concise responses to requests for advisory opinions and have assisted in the review of articles for the Warrants for Town Meetings as well as attending Town Meetings and various board meetings.

We wish to express our thanks to all the people who have dedicated their time to the town government in Hopedale, especially the Board of Selectmen, Town Coordinator, and department heads. Without their assistance and cooperation, our collective objectives could not be attained.

Respectfully submitted,

Kopelman and Paige, P.C.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopedale:

This is my 2nd Annual Report as your Treasurer/Collector and I am very pleased with the continued progress we continue to make to improve our services and overall effectiveness. This office consists of six business units headed by the Treasurer/Town Collector. These include the collector's division, treasury, payroll, benefits administration, parking ticket administration and general office support.

Our responsibilities include initiating temporary and permanent borrowing, investing, managing and disbursing town funds, receiving all revenues of the town, processing the school and town payrolls, and performing other statutory functions required by the state and federal laws. This department is responsible for the billing and collection of all real estate, motor vehicle excise, personal property taxes, sewer and water assessments and billings and all other monies committed to the department for collection. Additionally, the general offices falling under the responsibility of the Treasurer/Town Collector assists other town departments by distributing recycle bins to the taxpayers for the Board of Health, processing all building permits, electrical permits, gas permits and plumbing permits; and distributing and collecting fees for printed materials such as the residents lists, zoning bylaws, town bylaws and other materials.

We've made significant changes in the efficiency of our operation this year. Motor vehicle excise tax bills and Real Estate bills now contain a return envelope which directs payments directly to a bank lockbox. This not only decreases the time to post payments to your accounts but, equally important, it has eliminated the need to seek part time help during cyclical peak periods. Taxpayers can now pay bills online with a few options as to the payment type. We continue to research how to streamline paperwork to benefit both staff and taxpayers.

I would like to thank the taxpayers of Hopedale for their continued diligence in paying their taxes and assessments in a timely fashion, to the Board of Selectmen and I feel very privileged to have the assistance of an extremely competent staff. Thank you Donna, Carol and Deb; I sincerely appreciate all of your hard work as well as your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Walls
Treasurer/Town Collector



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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2006

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS:

Cash in Office	\$250.00	
		<u>\$250.00</u>

INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Boston Safe - Vendor Account	\$93.63	
Citizens ws	\$302,804.47	
Unibank - Elementary	\$26,527.69	
Unibank - High School	\$77,888.36	
Unibank - Major Deposits	\$223,468.45	
Unibank - Payroll	\$3,845.99	
		<u>\$634,628.59</u>

LIQUID INVESTMENTS

Fleet (Performance Bond	\$2,380.13	
Fleet (Performance Bond)	\$587.82	
Fleet (Performance Bond	\$1,760.88	
Fleet (Performance Bond	\$3,573.40	
Fleet (Performance Bond	\$10,774.14	
Fleet (Performance Bond	\$5,305.91	
Ben Franklin Savings	\$1,123.75	
MMDT	\$128,802.72	
Boston Safe Deposit MM	\$16,128.11	
Fleet MM	\$94,953.67	
Bank North	\$42,387.72	
Eastern Bank	\$86,467.17	
Unibank MM	\$1,478,027.65	
Citizens MM	\$866,376.40	
Century Bank & Trust	\$172,516.64	
Webster Bank	\$136,308.55	
		<u>\$3,047,474.66</u>

TERM INVESTMENTS

Barthloemew	\$9,101.07	
Meryl Lynch (General Inv. Fund)	\$61,481.40	
		<u>\$70,582.47</u>

STABILIZATION

Meryl Lynch	\$1,109,235.13	
Barthloemew	\$141,638.34	
		<u>\$1,250,873.47</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Barthloemew	\$92,890.90	
		<u>\$92,890.90</u>

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	<u><u>\$5,096,700.09</u></u>
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REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR Fiscal Year 2006

RECEIVABLES BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2006

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Fiscal 2004 & Prior	\$25,830.85
Fiscal 2005	\$4,487.00
Fiscal 2006	\$3,862.37
	<u>\$34,180.22</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Fiscal 2004 and Prior	\$6,109.50
Fiscal 2005	\$8,337.39
Fiscal 2006	\$130,290.86
	<u>\$144,737.75</u>

TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

TAX DEFERRAL ACCOUNT

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Fiscal 2003 and Prior	\$67,126.54
Fiscal 2004	\$5,350.34
Fiscal 2005	\$13,358.98
Fiscal 2006	\$42,889.58
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES	<u><u>\$307,643.41</u></u>
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REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER Fiscal Year 2006

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST EARNED

INTEREST BEARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS

Boston Safe - Vendor Account	\$1,082.00	
Citizens ws	\$1,565.37	
Unibank - Payroll	\$2,674.87	
		<u>\$5,322.24</u>

LIQUID INVESTMENTS

MMDT	\$5,267.05	
Boston Safe Deposit MM	\$6,967.00	
Fleet MM	\$2,221.77	
Bank North	\$1,761.91	
Eastern Bank	\$5,701.40	
Unibank MM	\$20,678.56	
Citizens MM	\$4,902.34	
Century Bank & Trust	\$9,614.43	
Webster Bank	\$2,396.94	
		<u>\$59,511.40</u>

TERM INVESTMENTS

Merryl Lynch (General Inv. Fund)	\$27,577.30	
		<u>\$27,577.30</u>

STABILIZATION

Merryl Lynch	\$16,000.00	
Bartholemew	\$123.81	
		<u>\$16,123.81</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Merryl Lynch	\$1,136.77	
		<u>\$1,136.77</u>

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS

\$109,671.52



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STATEMENT OF INDEBTNESS Fiscal Year 2006

Long Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-05	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-06	Interest Paid in FY06
School Building	\$16,145,000		\$1,310,000	\$14,835,000	\$652,631
Sewer	\$800,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$745,000	\$28,494
Solid Waste	\$0	\$374,967	\$0	\$374,967	\$0
Water	\$758,947	\$346,705	\$32,170	\$1,073,482	\$11,789
Fire Station		\$2,057,000		\$2,057,000	
SUB-TOTAL	\$17,703,947	\$2,778,672	\$1,397,170	\$19,085,449	\$692,914
Total Long Term Debt	\$17,703,947	\$2,778,672	\$1,397,170	\$19,085,449	\$692,914

Short Term Debt	Outstanding 1-Jul-05	New Debt Issued	Retirements	Outstanding 30-Jun-06	Interest Paid in FY06
BAN's (Bond Anticipation Note)					
Building - Fire Station	\$2,165,650		\$2,165,650	\$0	\$70,187
Sewer		\$200,000		\$200,000	
Water	\$172,000	\$630,000	\$172,000	\$630,000	\$4,969
				\$0	
Other		\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$308
Total Short Term Debt	\$2,337,650	\$868,000	\$2,375,650	\$830,000	\$75,464

Tree Warden's Annual Report

This past year I re-hired "Stumpy's Tree Service." Stumpy's has provided us with great service over the years and I'm very pleased to work with them again.

Five trees were taken down completely last year. Stumpy's did, once again, go through the entire town and take down bad branches to prolong the life of some trees. A general pruning was also conducted.

I was able, once again, to keep the tree budget the same as the previous fiscal year. With fewer trees now having to be removed I was finally able to plant. I started the planting with five new trees. Stumpy's planted three trees on Dutcher Street and two on Adin Street. With any luck storm damage will be light and I will continue to plant in the spring. I was most satisfied with their work and reasonable charge for the work.

Once again, I would like to publicly thank Lisa Pedroli for all of her help last year and special thanks to Bob DePonte and the Highway Department for their thankless work.

Thank you,

Leo Lyons
Tree Warden

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Your local Veterans' Service Officer is committed to assist our needy veterans and dependents, with the same concern and compassion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office and the Massachusetts House and Senate had when aid and assistance programs for our veterans were first established in the Commonwealth. Many reforms and changes have been made to improve the delivery of services. Today, with the continued support of the Commonwealth and its legislators, your Veterans' Service Officer is meeting the needs of our former service personnel.

Your Veterans' Service Officer administers many varied entitlement programs and for this reason, your local Department of Veterans' Services is considered a one-stop center. In addition to the duties to aid, assist and advise, as stated in Chapter 115. Massachusetts General Law, your Veterans' Service Officer counsels, files claims, and explores every avenue leading to the resources and revenue available for the veteran. The veteran or dependent of the veteran must be motivated to realize and be aware of his or her own assets. Where rehabilitation may be required, proper attention is given to that need, while treating the veteran or his dependent with dignity and courtesy. Our services to veterans and to their dependents are a record of which we are proud. Your Veterans' Service Officer will continue to meet his responsibility to the taxpayer with diligence, keeping in mind that monies received from other resources will reduce the financial responsibility to the Town.

Major changes in Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 115, affecting all veterans within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts include:

1. We now have two State cemeteries
2. Reimbursement to cities and town, 75% of the cost of flags for flagging veteran's gravesites on Memorial Day.
3. Reimbursement to each city and town 100% for training programs for veterans service officers.
4. Increase in real estate tax abatement for certain disabled veterans.
5. Granting surviving spouse of certain disabled veterans the same real estate tax abatement that the veterans received while alive.
6. Increased annuity payments to \$2,000.00, including all 100% disabled veterans, gold star parents and gold star spouses of eligible deceased veteran's, c 115, sec 6a, 6b, and 6c
7. An increase in Burial Allowance to \$2,000.00
8. Peacetime Veterans now qualify for c115 State Benefits.
9. Established and funded a Women's Outreach Program
10. Welcome Home Bonus-c 130 Acts of 2005- \$1,000.00--\$500.00
11. Compilation of all veterans of all wars.
12. Established veterans web site

My thanks to the Board of Selectmen for their understanding of the needs of veterans and for their continued support to insure those Veterans Service Department's justifiable monetary benefits are met. The Department of Veterans' Services and the Town will continue to fulfill the needs of those who served.

The Department of Veterans' Services will continue to provide service to our Veterans and their dependents, being aware of the fact that our services have constantly increased. It is, therefore, necessary to emphasize the quality of services and continue with our best effort to maintain an efficient and economical Veterans Assistance Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Mastroianni
Veterans' Service Officer



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Commissioners**

**Robert Bird, Chm
James Morin
Aldo P Tarca**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOPEDALE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006

Once again I am pleased to submit the following Annual report for the Hopedale Water & Sewer Commission for FY2006.

For the time period noted the water department saw through the completion of two projects previously approved on the Town Meeting floor. The Moore Road booster pump station and the replacement of all water mains on Bancroft park, Hope and Cemetery Streets. As anticipated these upgrades significantly enhanced water quality and fire protection within the area and both projects were completed within budget. Also completed was the cleaning of the existing Greene Street wells and the Mill Street Well-field. This enabled the department additional needed withdrawals from both sites and allowed the department to purchase less from the Milford Water Company. We also continue to upgrade and install radio read meters in the southern portion of town. This new technology, when completed, will enable the department to accurately read all meters throughout town by vehicles equipped with computers. When complete readings will be performed in one day compared to the traditional five to seven days.

Town Meeting voters also approved an article to allow the Water & Sewer Commission to enter into an agreement with the Town of Mendon to sell water. This agreement was completed and signed and the installation of a new eight-inch fire line meter was installed on the Town line. The selling of water and services to the Town of Mendon began in July and the revenues generated assisted the department in meeting its revenue needs without a major increase.

The sewer department in the time period noted received and notice of non compliance from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as well as an Administrative Consent Order from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These actions prompted dramatic changes in personnel and policy by the Water & Sewer Commission. A restructuring of personnel was completed and the orders from both agencies were addressed along with corrective measures as required. Resent upgrades and improvements range from major pump and motor replacements to house keeping issues throughout the waste water plant. Also conducted was a rate and personnel study required by the DEP. This study indicated the insufficient personnel were on hand and that the rates being charged to the sewer users did not sufficiently support its needed budget. Both issues were addressed and corrected with DEP approval.

The EPA issues required more technical assistance and time. The issues of concern are; copper discharge limitations that the wastewater treatment plant cannot currently meet and as well as phosphorous removal. The departments engineering contractor, Tata & Howard tested for

and reviewed the current limits within the waste water and responded to the EPA on behalf of the Town with a plan of corrective measures. These recommended upgrades are being reviewed by the EPA. Once approved funding will be sought to implement these required upgrades.

In closing, I would like to insure you, that although the issues within FY 2006 are severe and costly, we are confident that our approach to each issue, will be corrected, in a timely and fiscally minded manner.

Sincerely,

Timothy Watson
Water/Sewer Department Manager

<u>Last/First Name</u>	<u>YTD True Gross</u>
ALGER, TIMOTHY J.	250.00
GALLAGHER, STEVEN J.	250.00
ESPANET, RICHARD P	536.10
PALMER-HOWES, SUSAN A.	1682.62
POTTY, ELI	198.27
HAYNES, THOMAS M	300.00
ROACH, MARIANNE	100.00
STRAPPONI, COLLEEN M.	100.00
LERNER, ELIZABETH	1250.00
MAURER, HOWARD L.	447.28
TRAVERS, D CRAIG	900.00
COMASTRA, DONALD D	100.00
GRIFFIN, HARLAND E	252.72
ARCUDI, , LOUIS J. III	638.84
MARTIN, RICHARD W.	1250.00
BIRD, ROBERT H	570.11
PISACANE, CATHERINE V.	700.00
MAZZARELLI, ROSS S.	250.00
HAMPSCH, MARY L.	638.88
CARROLL, JAMES F.	150.00
SWEET, JOSEPH C.	175.79
MCELROY, MARGARET M.	532.65
FAFARD, DONALD	612.42
BINNEY, JAMES	180.58
HAYRES, DONNA M.	700.00
ALBERTO, LISA M	1600.00
TARCA, ALDO P	863.84
MARQUIS, WILLIAM P	350.00
MORIN, JAMES M	836.16
TONELLI, JUSTINE A.	1000.00
MORO, ROBERT M.	550.00
ANDRE, KENNETH N.	258.74
FARRER JR, JOHN E	800.00
LARKIN, FRANCIS J	200.00
COLLINS, MICHAEL E	2000.00
ARCUDI, LOUIS J.	1722.50
RYAN, ALAN J.	2319.56
PHILLIPS, EUGENE N.	67521.29
PEDROLI, LISA M	28211.68
CATANZARITI, LINDA M.	41735.48
WHYTE, CAROL A.	31106.10
GONSALVES, TERESA M.	16566.08
JACARUSO, JANET O	23751.33
MILANOSKI, DOROTHY C	600.00
HAMMOND, ROBERT A.	500.00
MAILING, DONALD	592.45
GROSS, VERNON	3721.33
CIARAMICOLI, MICHAEL	2369.34
MURPHY, HAROLD V	3447.84
BUCCHINO, MARK P	7486.82
LOPEZ, DANIEL	7030.16

TARELLA, MICHAEL D	677.68
BETSCHART, THOMAS J.	1383.91
GONCALVES, MICHAEL P.	1783.82
AVELLINO, JOSEPH A.	1766.91
DIAMOND, PATRICIA E.	344.17
MARCOTTE, MARK A.	1660.10
MINICIELLI, WAYNE J	50328.14
GAGNON, JOHN P	44300.62
GIOVANELLA, MARK A	88358.49
LIMA, RICARDO C.	32029.51
COSTANZA, EUGENE P	89332.77
MARTIN SR, DONALD J	51921.71
SAKER III, PETER J.	57697.61
MORAN, JOHN H.	50510.16
STODULSKI, STEVEN P.	58380.27
GARDNER, JAMES M	95548.67
CONLON, JOSEPH P.	50836.09
MAHAN, STEVEN R	40450.83
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